

WHEREAS The Pharmaceutical Industry Labor-Management Association (PILMA) regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to the families in our country; and

PILMA considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our country; and

PILMA considers the SCHIP program to be an integral part of the health care system for children; and

PILMA recognizes the value of the SCHIP program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

PILMA considers the federal funding available for the SCHIP program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for uninsured children; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That PILMA urges Members of Congress to support timely reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and to assure federal funding for the SCHIP program;

THAT PILMA URGES THE COUNTRY'S GOVERNORS to use their best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the SCHIP program; and

FINALLY THAT PILMA PROCLAIMS that all components of each state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in each state be used to the maximum extent possible.