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Honorable Jeff Grover  
Chairman  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Chairman Grover,

The State of California could potentially close 323 adult day health care centers statewide, including DMC Foundation's Miller's Place Adult Day Health Care Center and Turlock Adult Day Health Care Center in Stanislaus County, if the State Legislature passes the Governor's proposed budget.

The elimination of funding for adult day health care centers would have a direct negative impact on this local community, leaving the elderly without the care families rely on for their loved ones. The loss of preventive care that these centers offer, such as diabetes treatment, monitoring of other chronic health conditions, and physical and occupational therapy maintenance exercise programs will drive more people to seek care in the already overcrowded emergency rooms and further increase of the cost of health care. In addition, the closure of the centers will contribute to the rapidly growing unemployment rate in the economy that is already struggling.

In order to preserve the vital services provided by the two local adult day health care centers and as well as the other centers operating throughout the State, I urge the Board to adopt the attached resolution opposing any elimination of funding for adult day health care centers as a Medi-Cal benefit in California.

Sincerely,



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## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Stanislaus County has two adult day health care centers, DMC Foundation Miller's Place Adult Day Health Care and Turlock Adult Day Health Care, serving the needs of approximately 200 frail elders and individuals with disabilities and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, both centers provide education, counseling, support and navigation for family caregivers throughout the entire county without fees; and

**WHEREAS**, for low income individuals on Medi-Cal, fees for adult day health care are covered as a Medi-Cal benefit, and the centers also accept private pay for those participants not receiving Medi-Cal; and

**WHEREAS**, elimination of the Medi-Cal benefit for adult day health care would reduce access to these services for participants in need, thereby resulting in the elimination of services both for Medi-Cal and non Medi-Cal participants such as Veterans and adults with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, if these centers are required to close their doors, within six months, the programs anticipate many of the current participants will be placed in skilled nursing facilities at a significantly greater cost to taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, approximately 52 family caregivers would have to quit work to stay home and care for their loved ones in order to prevent such premature skilled nursing placement; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall effect of eliminating these critically needed programs will be to leave vulnerable adults with adequate care and contribute to Stanislaus County's already high unemployment rate, while resulting in lost jobs for approximately 50 employees and 8 independent local contractors and reduce business significantly for dozens of local vendors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its opposition to any elimination of funding for adult day health care centers as a Medi-Cal benefit in California.