



RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATORS

Supporting the Biomarker Testing Insurance Coverage Act

WHEREAS, the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators (NAPACSL) consists of 208 state legislators from 37 states with Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry; and

WHEREAS, “Biomarker” or biological marker is a measurable indicator of some biological state or condition; and

WHEREAS, Biomarker testing is a way to look for genes, proteins, and other substances that can provide information about cancer; and

WHEREAS, Cancer is the leading cause of death for Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Biomarker testing is used in diagnosing and treating as the practice of precision medicine, especially in some of the cancers where specific treatments and timely treatments can alter the outcomes and improve quality of life for people; and

WHEREAS, access to healthcare and quality healthcare continues to be the top barrier to marginalized communities and rural communities in our nation; and

WHEREAS, states like AZ, AR, GA, IL, KY, MD, MN, LA, NM, OK, RI, NV and TX have active laws ensuring access to biomarker testing when supported by clinical and scientific evidence, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators supports the model policy “Biomarker testing Insurance Coverage Act” adopted by National Council of Insurance Legislators in July 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NAPACSL urges Congress to pass bi-partisan proposed legislations that would increase access to healthcare to reduce disparities and cost to human lives; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all members of the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators.

SPONSORED BY: Representative My-Linh Thai, Washington

ADOPTED ON: August 13, 2023, Indianapolis, Indiana

CERTIFIED BY: Senator Scott Kawasaki, Alaska, NAPACSL Treasurer