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RESOLUTION NO.

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1	[Calling for a California State of Emergency Declaration on Homelessness]
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3	Resolution urging Governor Jerry Brown to declare a State of Emergency on
4	Homelessness to help coordinate region- and state-wide responses to this growing
5	crisis and provide supplementary state assistance to cities and counties to provide
6	needed supportive services.
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8	WHEREAS, Homelessness is a growing problem throughout California and the entire
9	West Coast; and
10	WHEREAS, California accounted for 21% of the nation's homeless population in 2015;
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12	WHEREAS, California had the highest percentage of homeless people counted in
13	unsheltered locations in the United States; and
14	WHEREAS, California reported the largest numbers of homeless unaccompanied
15	youth at 28% of the national total; and
16	WHEREAS, California has the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness
17	with more than 11,000 veterans living on the streets in 2015; and
18	WHEREAS, San Francisco's Point-in-Time Homelessness Count in 2015 identified
19	7539 adults and youths living without shelter, a 7% increase since 2005; and
20	WHEREAS, According to the same survey, 29% of San Francisco's homeless
21	population initially became homeless outside of San Francisco; and
22	WHEREAS, Recent efforts to remove the homeless through "sweeps" without providing
23	viable options for both emergency shelter and permanent, effective exits from homelessness
24	simply moves homeless residents to other neighborhoods and is inconsistent with the federal

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encampment recommendations developed by the U.S. Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco spends \$241,000,000 per year funding homeless services according to recent reports and that number does not include the outreach and work done by public safety workers; and

WHEREAS, Other cities, such as Los Angeles, are also grappling with the homelessness crisis and have already diverted resources and declared states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness knows no city or county boundaries but is a regional and state-wide issue and only a coordinated response will alleviate this crisis; and

WHEREAS, The struggles of those who are experiencing homelessness call for a comprehensive approach to provide shelter, needed medical care and aid; and

WHEREAS, California is a state with a strong reputation for compassion and helping the most vulnerable of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Only through a state-wide effort will we truly be able to respond effectively to this crisis and ensure that services, shelter, and permanent exits from homelessness are available to individuals wherever they become homeless; and

WHEREAS, The State of Hawai'i and the cities of Los Angeles, California, Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon have all declared states of emergency, using the proclamations as a way to make more funds available, extend contracts with homeless service providers, earmark monies for new family shelters, and/or bypass ordinances to enable the swiftest action possible to address the homelessness crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Governor of California to issue a statewide declaration of emergency to help coordinate the response and resources for homeless individuals and families; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San Francisco and the Office of the Governor to inventory all surplus public property statewide to both provide emergency and short-term shelter, following the model of San Francisco's Navigation Center, which provides shelter while allowing residents to maintain their support network and connecting them with needed services and resources to successfully exit homelessness, and create permanent housing opportunities with the right level of services to ensure that housing opportunities are stable and successful in the long-term; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, and the legislators currently representing San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area in the California State Assembly and Senate, Assembly Members Phil Ting and David Chiu, and Senator Mark Leno.

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