

1 [Congressional Hearing on the Value of Safe and Legal Access to Medical Cannabis]

2 **Resolution condemning the Drug Enforcement Administration’s actions to block**
3 **safe access to medical cannabis patients and urging the Speaker of the House Nancy**
4 **Pelosi to open a congressional hearing on the value of safe access to medical**
5 **cannabis and respect for local jurisdiction’s policy and regulation of medical cannabis**
6 **dispensaries.**
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8 WHEREAS, Legal access to medical cannabis is essential to maintaining the health,
9 facilitating recovery, and alleviating the harsh effects of cancer, and other serious medical
10 conditions; and,

11 WHEREAS, Medical cannabis has been shown to aid women who have breast cancer,
12 by alleviating the negative side effects from chemotherapy; and,

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco has one of the largest populations in the nation of people
14 living with AIDS, many of whom use cannabis for medical purposes, and also the home to
15 over 700 women who are diagnosed with breast cancer on an annual basis; and,

16 WHEREAS, Over the past 30 years, the City of San Francisco has maintained policies
17 to prevent the abuse of law enforcement in relation to the use of marijuana; and,

18 WHEREAS, On November 2006, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a
19 comprehensive City regulation for permitting Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (MCD’s); and,

20 WHEREAS, Most recently, on November 11, 2006, the Board of Supervisors passed
21 an ordinance to make “Marijuana Offenses the Lowest Law Enforcement Priority” in San
22 Francisco; and,

1 WHEREAS, Numerous states such as Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine,
2 Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington have passed laws
3 allowing for legal access medical marijuana; and,

4 WHEREAS, In November 2005, a national Gallup poll showed 78% of Americans
5 support making marijuana available for doctors to prescribe to patients to reduce pain and
6 suffering; and,

7 WHEREAS, On December 12, 2006, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in
8 direct conflict with San Francisco's sanctuary ordinance, raided the HopeNet Cooperative, a
9 highly commended and recognized compassionate medical cannabis cooperative; and,

10 WHEREAS, On January 17, 2007, federal law enforcement agents raided 11 medicinal
11 marijuana dispensaries in West Hollywood; and,

12 WHEREAS, California currently spends over 160 million dollars to arrest, prosecute
13 and imprison marijuana offenders; and,

14 WHEREAS, Over 80 medical marijuana defendants in California are currently facing
15 prosecution in federal court; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors hereby condemns the federal government's
17 actions to block safe access to medical cannabis patients and providers of West Hollywood
18 whose sanctuary status was not taken into consideration by the DEA and has caused
19 unnecessary suffering and fear to medical cannabis patients; and,

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Speaker
21 of the House Nancy Pelosi to open a congressional hearing on the value of safe access to
22 medical cannabis and respect for local jurisdiction's policy and regulation of medical cannabis
23 dispensaries.