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7 WHEREAS, The Human Services Agency provides food stamps to eligible San
8 Francisco residents; and,

9 WHEREAS, Eligible recipients (Able Bodied Adults without Dependents – ABAWDS) of
10 food stamp benefits are limited to receiving the benefit for three months within a three year
11 period of time for able bodied adults who are not working, participating in a work program for
12 20 hours or more each week, or in workfare; and,

13 WHEREAS, The State of California can issue waivers to counties, including San
14 Francisco, that would allow Human Services Agency to continue to issue food stamps to
15 ABAWDS beyond the three months within a three year time period; and,

16 WHEREAS, The State of California can issue the aforementioned waivers for either the
17 entire county or part of the county based upon having a local unemployment rate in excess of
18 10%, or in excess of 20% of the national unemployment rate; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco County has sub-county areas that have consistently had
20 local unemployment rates in excess of 10% and/or 20% above the national unemployment
21 rate; and,

22 WHEREAS, High unemployment rates make it increasingly more difficult for individuals
23 to obtain and maintain employment within their own community; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Human Services Agency to
25 request consideration for an ABAWD waiver for the period of March 1, 2005 through March 1,

1 2006 through the State of California to continue to provide food stamp benefits to individuals
2 that reside within a sub-county area that has had a consistently high local unemployment rate
3 in excess of 10% or 20% above the national unemployment rate average; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
5 Mayor, with a request that he transmit a copy to the, Deputy Director – Welfare to Work
6 Division of the State of California’s Department of Social Services with a request that they
7 take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this resolution.

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March 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 15, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

3/16/05

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom