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8 WHEREAS, SB 1712 introduced by Senator Carole Migden establishes a four county  
9 pilot program over three years, with one county being the City and County of San Francisco,  
10 with the goal of increasing adoptions of Foster youth ages 11-18 by providing a modest  
11 financial incentive and expanding and enhancing post-adoptive services to adoptive families  
12 of older “hard-to-place” foster children; and

13 WHEREAS, in California there are over 80,000 children in the foster care system; and

14 WHEREAS, only 20% of State adoptions finalized since 1998 involve children over 11  
15 years old, and each additional year of age at first foster placement is correlated with a 12%  
16 drop in the odds of permanence; and,

17 WHEREAS, youths that emancipate after four or more years in the foster care system  
18 are at high risk of failing to complete high school, homelessness, unemployment,  
19 incarceration and receiving public assistance; and

20 WHEREAS, SB 1712 appropriates \$4,000,000 in State funds toward this pilot  
21 program, including \$750,000 to the City and County of San Francisco, with the county  
22 required to provide matching funds in the amount of 25% of the total amount of state funds  
23 provided; and

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1           WHEREAS, SB 1712 encourages adoption programs in the pilot project to create  
2 public-private partnerships with private adoption agencies to maximize success in improving  
3 permanency outcomes for older foster children; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses SB 1712; and be  
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6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board forward this resolution to  
7 Governor Schwarzenegger, State Senators Carole Migden and Jackie Speier and to  
8 Assembly Members Leland Yee and Mark Leno.

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