

1 [Supporting AB 34]
2 SUPPORTING AB 34, MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING, AND URGING THE STATE
3 LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE THE BILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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5 WHEREAS, Presently there are no financial incentives for
6 counties to increase the number of people with mental illness they
7 serve; and,

8 WHEREAS, County monies for mental health treatment are generally
9 fixed, so that an increase in the expected number of Medi-Cal
10 recipients, who are entitled to treatment by the county, reduces the
11 amount of funds available to serve other individuals; and,

12 WHEREAS, People with severe mental illness who do not receive
13 adequate and appropriate treatment frequently end up in the criminal
14 justice system; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections expends \$400 million
16 annually for the incarceration and treatment of people with severe
17 mental illness, and these individuals typically receive sentences
18 that are six times longer than those received by others who have
19 committed the same crimes; and,

20 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 34 revises county mental health service
21 standards to include access to integrated services, such as
22 medication, substance abuse services, housing assistance, and
23 vocational rehabilitation services; and,

24 WHEREAS, AB 34 also requires, as funds become available, the
25 three existing demonstration projects established in the Adult and

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1 Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act to be expanded to
2 counties with significant populations of homeless mentally ill
3 persons; and,

4 WHEREAS, AB 34 establishes four-year planning and expansion
5 grants to counties, and provides for increased funding reflecting
6 increases in the number of mentally ill adults who receive mental
7 health services for at least four consecutive months; and,

8 WHEREAS, AB 34 also requires expansion grants be sufficient to
9 provide mental health services, medically necessary medications,
10 substance abuse services, housing assistance, vocational
11 rehabilitation, financial management assistance, and stipends to
12 attract and retain qualified professionals to provide necessary
13 levels of services; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports
15 Assembly Bill 34, Mental Health Funding, and urges the state
16 legislature and the governor to approve it as soon as possible.
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Resolution supporting AB 34, mental health funding and urging the State Legislature and the Governor to approve the bill as soon as possible.

May 3, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 2 - Becerril, Katz

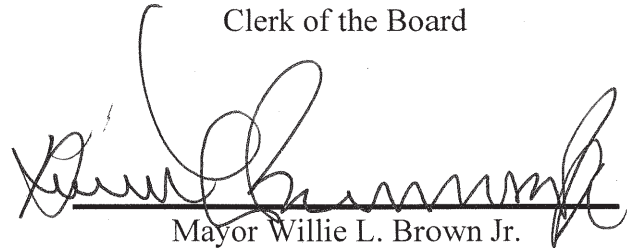
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 3, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.