

1 [Accept-Expend Federal Grant]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a**
4 **grant in the amount of \$95,000 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement**
5 **Grants Program of the Department of Justice.**

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7 WHEREAS, In order to improve the quality and timeliness of the forensic services of
8 the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City and County of San Francisco, we propose
9 to acquire, install, and operate a laboratory management system (LIMS) with associated
10 computer hardware, software, and training for personnel in the use of LIMS for the Forensic
11 Laboratory Division of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; and

12 WHEREAS, The computerization of the information and data management of the
13 Forensic Laboratory Division of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is required for
14 compliance with federal laboratory guidelines and for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
15 to become accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists (ABFT) and to remain
16 accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME); and

17 WHEREAS, The absence of a LIMS causes delays in the accessioning, analysis and
18 technical review of laboratory data and information ultimately resulting in delayed report
19 issuance to the public, other City and County of San Francisco agencies, and the criminal
20 justice system; and,

21 WHEREAS, The LIMS will give the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner the capability
22 to accession and analyses cases using automatic importation of analytical instrument data,
23 creation of databases and reduction of repetitive data entry and inaccuracies; and,

24 WHEREAS, The LIMS will allow for the stream-lining and security of many processes
25 such as the scheduling of the creation of customized forensic evidence kits, work lists, and

1 inventories. By employing LIMS, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will be able to
2 maintain accurate chain-of-custody records and detailed histories on every piece of evidence
3 that passes through the laboratory; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner proposes to maximize use of
5 available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant
6 budget; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in
8 the grant budget; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
10 Francisco recognizes the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City and County of San
11 Francisco provides vital services to the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco; and
12 be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That to improve the aforementioned services the Board of
14 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco gives the Office of the Chief Medical
15 Examiner the authority to accept and expend \$95,000 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic
16 Science Improvement Grants Program of the Department of Justice.

17 Recommended:

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20 Amy P. Heston
21 Department Head

Approved: Ninia Wolcott
Mayor

Approved: [Signature]
for Controller



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February 5, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

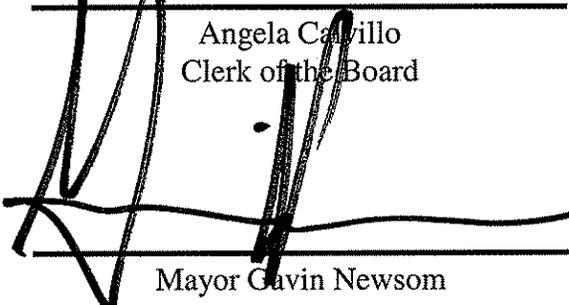
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 5, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

2.7.08
Date Approved



Angela Cavillo
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Gavin Newsom