

1 [Accept-Expend Federal Grant]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to accept**
4 **and expend a grant in the amount of \$339,964 from the United States Department of**
5 **Justice, Violence Against Women Office for Safe Havens.**

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7 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Safe Havens program is to enhance and increase the
8 availability of existing community resources for the safe visitation and exchange of children for
9 divorced or separated families in which domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or
10 stalking is present; and,

11 WHEREAS, The original Safe Havens grant of \$350,000 from the Violence Against
12 Women Office was for a two-year period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2004 and
13 was administered by the SafeStart Initiative of the Department of Children, Youth, & Their
14 Families; and,

15 WHEREAS, The second Safe Havens grant of \$339,964 from the Violence Against
16 Women Office for the two-year period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006 will be
17 administered by the SafeStart Initiative of the Department of Children, Youth, & Their
18 Families; and,

19 WHEREAS, The City has previously accepted a federal grant for the SafeStart Initiative
20 to reduce the incidence and impact of violence on families with young children through service
21 delivery, systems change, and policy development, and the Department has also directed
22 local funding to support the Initiative; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Safe Havens program represents another step in developing the
24 unique partnership between the City and County of San Francisco and the federal
25 government in creating a comprehensive and community-based effort to combat domestic,

1 family, and intimate partner violence which includes funding for Rally Family Visitation
2 Services of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and La Casa de las Madres; and,

3 WHEREAS, The funds will be used to enhance and expand services at Rally Family
4 Visitation Services of St. Francis Memorial Hospital for safe visitation and exchange of
5 children by and between custodial and non-custodial parents with a history of domestic
6 violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking, except children in foster care, kinship care,
7 or protective custody of courts or social service agencies; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Department proposes to maximize the use of available grant funds on
9 program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

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

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the \$339,964 from the Violence Against Women Office
13 will be the only allocation of funds; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will contract with
15 Rally Family Visitation Services of St. Francis Memorial Hospital for provision of Safe Havens
16 program services; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby authorizes
18 the Department of Children, Youth, & Their Families to accept and expend the \$339,964 from
19 the Violence Against Women Office.

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21 Recommended:

Approved: _____

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Mayor

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24 Department Head

Approved: _____

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