1    [Calling for a California State of Emergency Declaration on Homelessness]

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3    **Resolution urging Governor Jerry Brown to declare a State of Emergency on**

4    **Homelessness to help coordinate region- and state-wide response to this growing**

5    **crisis and provide supplementary state assistance to cities and counties to provide**

6    **needed supportive services.**

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8         WHEREAS, Homelessness is a growing problem throughout California and the entire

9    West Coast; and

10        WHEREAS, California accounted for 21% of the nation's homeless population in 2015;

11   and

12        WHEREAS, California had the highest percentage of homeless people counted in

13   unsheltered locations in the United States; and

14        WHEREAS, California reported the largest numbers of homeless unaccompanied

15   youth at 28% of the national total; and

16        WHEREAS, California has the largest number of veterans experiencing homelessness

17   with more than 11,000 veterans living on the streets in 2015; and

18        WHEREAS, San Francisco's Point-in-Time Homelessness Count in 2015 identified

19   7539 homeless adults and youths, a 7% increase since 2005; and

20        WHEREAS, According to the same survey, 29% of San Francisco's homeless

21   population initially became homeless outside of San Francisco; and

22        WHEREAS, San Francisco spends $241,000,000 per year funding homeless services

23   according to recent reports and that number does not include the outreach and work done by

24   public safety workers; and

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1      WHEREAS, Other cities, such as Los Angeles, are also grappling with the

2 homelessness crisis and have already diverted resources and declared states of emergency;

3 and

4      WHEREAS, Homelessness knows no city or county boundaries but is a regional and

5 state-wide issue and only a coordinated response will alleviate this crisis; and

6      WHEREAS, The struggles of those who are experiencing homelessness call for a

7 comprehensive approach to provide permanent housing, shelter, needed medical care and

8 aid; and

9      WHEREAS, California is a state with a strong reputation for compassion and helping

10 the most vulnerable of our residents; and

11      WHEREAS, Only through a state-wide effort will we truly be able to respond effectively

12 to this crisis and ensure that services, shelter, and permanent exits from homelessness are

13 available to individuals wherever they become homeless; and

14      WHEREAS, The State of Hawai'i and the cities of Los Angeles, California, Seattle,

15 Washington, and Portland, Oregon have all declared states of emergency, using the

16 proclamations as a way to make more funds available, extend contracts with homeless

17 service providers, earmark monies for new family shelters, and/or bypass ordinances to

18 enable the swiftest action possible to address the homelessness crisis; now, therefore, be it

19      RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Governor of California to

20 issue a statewide declaration of emergency to help coordinate the response and resources for

21 homeless individuals and families; and be it

22      FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the City

23 and County of San Francisco and the Office of the Governor to inventory all surplus public

24 property statewide, except for parks and open space, to both provide emergency and short-

25 term shelter, following the model of San Francisco's Navigation Center, which provides shelter

1 | while allowing residents to maintain their support network and connecting them with needed

2 | services and resources to successfully exit homelessness, and create permanent housing

3 | opportunities with the right level of services to ensure that housing opportunities are stable

4 | and successful in the long-term; and be it

5 | FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs

6 | the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, and the

7 | legislators currently representing San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area in the California

8 | State Assembly and Senate, Assembly Members Phil Ting and David Chiu, and Senator Mark

9 | Leno.

City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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**Date Passed:** May 24, 2016

Resolution urging Governor Jerry Brown to declare a State of Emergency on Homelessness to help coordinate region- and state-wide responses to this growing crisis, and provide supplementary state assistance to cities and counties to provide needed supportive services.

March 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

March 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors - NOT AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 3 - Cohen, Tang and Wiener

Noes: 7 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Kim, Mar, Peskin and Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

March 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

March 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors - REFERRED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

May 12, 2016 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED

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May 12, 2016 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

May 24, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin and Wiener
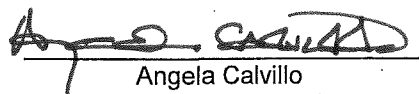
Noes: 2 - Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/24/2016 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

_____Unsigned_____            _____6/3/2016_____
Mayor                                        Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board