1   [State Budget Augmentation for Adult Protective Services Program.]

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3   **Resolution urging the State Legislature to appropriate $20 million in additional funding**

4   **for the Adult Protective Services Program, on an annual basis, beginning in fiscal year**

5   **2007-2008.**

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7   WHEREAS, The Adult Protective Services (APS) Program provides a vital safety net for

8   thousands of abused and neglected seniors and dependent adults in California; and

9   WHEREAS, Referrals to the APS Program have increased by 34 percent statewide since

10 2000 and will continue to grow as the State's population ages; and

11   WHEREAS, Despite increased need, State funding for APS has remained

12 relatively flat since 1999, resulting in a erosion of services and jeopardizing the ability of local

13 APS agencies to respond adequately to reports of abuse and neglect; and

14   WHEREAS, This situation is exacerbated in San Francisco, where seniors comprise a

15 larger percentage of the population than they do statewide or nationally, and where reports to

16 APS have increased by 59 percent in the last seven years; and

17   WHEREAS, The APS Program is also a critical partner to law enforcement agencies,

18 which rely on APS to identify, investigate and prosecute crimes against elders and dependent

19 adults; and

20   WHEREAS, Abuse of seniors and dependent adults is costly to victims and to society,

21 resulting in premature institutionalization, increased reliance on public benefits and, at worst,

22 premature death; now, therefore, be it

23   RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San

24 Francisco urge the California State Legislature to augment the annual appropriation to the

25 Adult Protective Services Program by $20 million beginning in FY 2007-08, and urge

1   the Governor to approve said funding; and be it

2   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs

3   the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our state representatives and to the Governor.

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