

1 [Supporting President Barack Obama’s Summer Jobs+ Plan and Recommending Similar Plan]

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3 **Resolution supporting President Barack Obama’s Summer Jobs+ plan and recommending the**
4 **development of a similar plan for youth in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, President Obama announced a jobs plan, Summer Jobs+, to address the critical
7 need for youth employment in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, This initiative is a public private partnership committed to creating 180,000 jobs
9 and internships for low-income youth ages 16-24 in the summer of 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, Summer jobs have historically been an opportunity for youth to develop crucial job
11 skills, earn money for college, and provide a responsible and rewarding pastime when school is not in
12 session; and

13 WHEREAS, The central feature of the plan is the Summer+ Job Bank, which will have youth
14 employment listings similar to that of the Veterans Job Bank; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Labor, 91% of San Francisco’s
16 young people indicated that they would like to be employed at some point during the school year,
17 summer; and

18 WHEREAS, In July 2011, only 48.8% of youth were employed, the lowest recorded number for
19 that time of year since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began this record in 1948; and

20 WHEREAS, The employment figures from July 2011 represent a significant decrease from
21 59.2% five years ago and 63.3% ten years ago; and

22 WHEREAS, Youth summer unemployment disproportionately affects minority youth, with just
23 34.6% of African American and 42.9% of Hispanic youth working in July 2011; and

24 WHEREAS, unemployment as a youth will significantly reduce one’s earnings potential as an
25 adult; and

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors to supports the design of President Barack
2 Obama’s Summer Jobs+ plan and will work to develop a similar plan in San Francisco in order to
3 promote youth employment specifically and economic activity more generally.

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