

1 [Affirming Commitment to Ensuring the Long Term Viability and Operation of St. Luke’s
2 Hospital]

3 **Resolution recognizing the importance of St. Luke’s Hospital and emergency room for**
4 **the Southeastern Neighborhoods of San Francisco and affirming the Board of**
5 **Supervisor’s commitment to working with Mayor Lee, the Department of Public Health,**
6 **and private hospital corporations that currently operate in San Francisco to ensure the**
7 **long term viability and operation of this critical institution.**

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9 WHEREAS, St. Luke’s Hospital is a full-service licensed acute care hospital that has
10 served the Southeastern and South of Market neighborhoods of San Francisco since 1912;
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12 WHEREAS, The Southeastern San Francisco neighborhoods served by St. Luke’s
13 Hospital have been designated by the federal government as Medically Underserved Areas
14 since 1982; and

15 WHEREAS, St. Luke’s Hospital and San Francisco General Hospital are the only two
16 hospitals located in the Southeastern section of San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, A key finding of the June 2012 Final Report of the Health Care Services
18 Master Plan Task Force (“HCSMP TF”) included that “the physical location and hours of
19 operation of health care facilities impact patient access to services, particularly for San
20 Francisco’s vulnerable populations”: on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
21 120775, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

22 WHEREAS, The Final Report of the HCSMP TF also found that residents of the
23 Southeastern Sector of San Francisco suffer from higher proportions of deaths due to
24 Alzheimer’s Disease, flu and pneumonia, chronic lower respiratory disease, and chronic liver
25 disease, endure higher rates of asthma, and receive less prenatal care; and

1 WHEREAS, The only other hospital located in Southeastern San Francisco, San
2 Francisco General Hospital, is on diversion 25% of the time, meaning that its emergency room
3 is at capacity and cannot accept any additional patients, leaving St. Luke’s Hospital as the
4 only available emergency room in the area; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as an important safety net for the uninsured and
6 patients with Medi-Cal, St. Luke’s Hospital also serves a sizeable population (27.7%) of
7 privately insured patients and those patients that self-pay for services, providing a strong
8 foundation for the Hospital to further attract a diverse payer mix; and

9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has a long history of declaring its support for St.
10 Luke’s Hospital, including Resolution No. 148-08, Opposing the Closure of St. Luke’s
11 Hospital: on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 120775, which is hereby
12 declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

13 WHEREAS, The City family and the Health Commission also have a long history of
14 supporting St. Luke’s, as demonstrated by the creation of the Blue Ribbon Panel made up of
15 thirty-one healthcare, labor, and business leaders including physicians and staff at St. Luke’s
16 Hospital, that met over the course of five months in 2008 to develop recommendations for the
17 California Pacific Medical Center’s (“CPMC”) Board of Directors to achieve a viable plan for an
18 acute care hospital with outpatient services at the St. Luke’s campus; and

19 WHEREAS, CPMC’s plan to rebuild and operate St. Luke’s Hospital is currently in
20 question as the Mayor and CPMC appear to have reached an impasse over the terms of the
21 Development Agreement related to St. Luke’s; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors once again affirms that St. Luke’s is a
23 critically important part of San Francisco’s health care system; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors is committed to ensuring that
25 St. Luke’s is rebuilt as a seismically safe and financially viable hospital; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That if CPMC decides to abandon its plans to rebuild St.
2 Luke's and operate the hospital for a full 20 years, that the Board of Supervisors is committed
3 to working with Mayor Lee, the Department of Public Health, and other private hospital
4 corporations that currently operate in San Francisco in order to develop a long term plan for
5 the successful operation and financial viability of this critical institution.

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