

1 [Support Senate Concurrent Resolution 12.]

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3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution 12,**
4 **introduced by Senator Richard Alarcon, which would create a joint committee charged**
5 **with developing a master plan to end poverty in the State of California.**

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7 WHEREAS, According to State demographers, California’s population grew by almost
8 600,000 people last year, the fourth year in a row in which its annual population has exceeded
9 the half-million mark; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the 2000 Census, fourteen percent of Californians live at or
11 below the federal poverty level; and,

12 WHEREAS, Poverty is not inevitable in California if wise economic and social programs
13 are established; and,

14 WHEREAS, Only Thirty-two percent of Californians living below the poverty level
15 received cash aide in 2001; and,

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17 WHEREAS, The current formula to determine the federal poverty level underestimates
18 the actual cost of living in poverty because that formula measures only food consumption and
19 not other basic needs, such as housing, health care, utilities, and child care; and,

20 WHERAS, Elected officials in California are responsible for the health and well being of
21 all of their constituents regardless of income level or social status; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 does hereby support the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12; and, be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby ask that Governor
2 Gray Davis support the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12, to help end poverty in
3 California; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby ask that copies of
5 this legislation be sent to our state representatives and His Honor the Mayor, with instructions
6 that all actions be taken for its successful passage.

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