

1 [Urging the U.S. Senate to Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States (U.S.) Senate to reauthorize the Violence**
4 **Against Women Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, In the United States, 1 in 4 women experience sexual violence,
7 physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, Intimate partner violence is most common against women between
9 the ages of 18-24; and

10 WHEREAS, 19% of intimate partner violence involves a weapon; and

11 WHEREAS, Victims of intimate partner violence are at increased risk of contracting
12 HIV or other STIs; and

13 WHEREAS Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive
14 medical care for their injuries; and

15 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an increase in domestic
16 violence service needs with a national 83.7% increase in reporting of intimate partner
17 violence incidences; and

18 WHEREAS The Violence Against Women Act of 1994 was the first legislation to
19 address violence against women and its passage meant that our federal government
20 recognizes the harm caused by domestic and sexual violence; and

21 WHEREAS, The Violence Against Women Act includes additional provisions to
22 improve the current law; and

23 WHEREAS, Its reauthorization would invest in prevention programs, improve
24 victims' services, help stop abusers from obtaining firearms, expand survivor housing
25 protection, and more; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby urges the San Francisco
2 Congressional delegation to support the authorization of the Violence Against Women
3 Act.

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