

1 [Supporting The Emergency Medical Care Initiative]

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3 **Resolution supporting the passage of Proposition 67, the Emergency Medical Care**  
4 **Initiative on the 2004 November ballot.**

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6 WHEREAS, Approximately \$540 million is spent on uncompensated emergency and  
7 trauma care in California annually; and

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco contributes \$10 million that is not  
9 reimbursed for emergency care services at the San Francisco General Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, 64 Emergency Rooms have closed statewide in the last 10 years,  
11 including Mount Zion in San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Five more California hospitals have announced plans to close including  
13 the San Jose Medical Center; and

14 WHEREAS, State and federal law requires emergency rooms to treat anyone and  
15 everyone who comes to the emergency without regard to their ability to pay; and

16 WHEREAS, Emergency room visits have dramatically increased due to a growing  
17 number of uninsured and underinsured residents, more complicated chronic medical  
18 conditions, and an increasingly older population with more complex medical issues; and

19 WHEREAS, Underfunding of emergency rooms leads to longer wait times, difficulty in  
20 procuring services of on-call specialists and increasing diversion rates which may lead to  
21 delays in treatment and unnecessary fatalities; and

22 WHEREAS, Statistics from San Francisco General Hospital show that the hospital is on  
23 diversion up to 30% of the time and 2003 statistics show one in four patients who used the  
24 emergency room left before seeing a doctor, an increase from 16% from the prior year; and

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Supervisor Ammiano, *Maxwell, McGoldrick, Dufty, Alioto-Pier, Daly*  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           WHEREAS, The non-profit neighborhood clinics in San Francisco provide accessible  
2 and high quality primary and urgent care – care that would otherwise be sought in  
3 overburdened emergency rooms; and

4           WHEREAS, A highly trained and well equipped first-responder staff is a vital part of our  
5 emergency medical care network; and

6           WHEREAS, Access to high quality and efficient emergency medical care is a priority  
7 for all San Franciscans; and

8           WHEREAS, Proposition 67, the Emergency Medical Care Initiative will appear on the  
9 November 2, 2004 ballot; and

10          WHEREAS, Proposition 67 will provide between \$500 and \$550 million a year in  
11 additional funding for the emergency care system in California, including \$11 million for  
12 emergency rooms, trauma centers, first-responder training and equipment and health clinics  
13 in San Francisco; and

14          WHEREAS: Statements of support of Proposition 67 were passed unanimously by the  
15 San Francisco Health Commission and the San Francisco Board of Education as well as from  
16 individual community leaders and advocacy groups such as Sheriff Mike Hennessey, the San  
17 Francisco Deputy Sheriffs Association, the San Francisco Firefighters' Union, the Gray  
18 Panthers, Senior Action Network, San Francisco Medical Society, the San Francisco  
19 Emergency Physicians Association, the San Francisco Community Clinics Consortium and  
20 many neighborhood organizations and community leaders therefore, be it

21          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board Supervisors supports the passage of  
22 Proposition 67, the Emergency Medical Care Initiative on the 2004 November ballot.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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October 19, 2004 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

October 26, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

Noes: 2 - Elsbernd, Ma

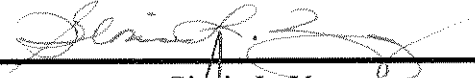
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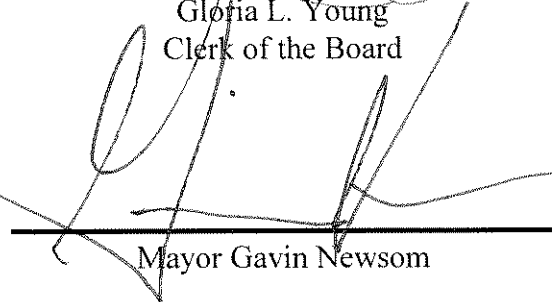
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 26, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom