

1 [AWARE Program]

2 ANNOUNCING AND ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AWARE PROGRAM IN
3 THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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5 WHEREAS, Violence against women, children, the elderly and
6 intimate partners are serious, widespread social problems in America;
7 and,

8 WHEREAS, Estimates range from 960,000 incidents of violence
9 against a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend per year
10 to 3.9 million women who are physically abused by their husbands or
11 live-in partners per year nationwide; and,

12 WHEREAS, About half of all female victims of intimate violence
13 report an injury of some type, and about 20 percent of them seek
14 medical assistance; and,

15 WHEREAS, Women seek medical attention for injuries sustained as
16 a consequence of domestic violence significantly more often after
17 separation than during cohabitation; and,

18 WHEREAS, In 1998, five out of 11 (45%) solved female homicide
19 cases in San Francisco were domestic violence related; and,

20 WHEREAS, Domestic elder abuse estimates range from 500,000 to
21 2.5 million cases per year nationwide; and,

22 WHEREAS, In a national survey of more than 2,000 American
23 families, approximately 50 percent of the men who frequently assault
24 their wives also frequently abuse their children; and,

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1 WHEREAS, According to a report by the National Coalition of
2 Anti-Violence Programs, violence in same sex relationships occurs at
3 the same rate as in heterosexual ones; and,

4 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the City and County of San
5 Francisco to ensure the well-being of all victims of violence; and

6 WHEREAS, ADT Services, Inc., a private corporation, has
7 developed the AWARE program that places security systems and
8 emergency necklace pendants in the residences of battered or abused
9 victims; and,

10 WHEREAS, Victims who participate in the AWARE program have the
11 ability to alert law enforcement with a silent alarm by pressing the
12 emergency necklace pendant when they feel in imminent danger of
13 attack; and,

14 WHEREAS, ADT is generously providing the City and County of San
15 Francisco with security systems, pendants and system monitoring free
16 of charge; and,

17 WHEREAS, Key representatives from San Francisco's law
18 enforcement and domestic violence advocacy and service agencies have
19 come together to develop the specifications and implementation plan
20 for an AWARE program here; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
22 of San Francisco announces the establishment of the AWARE program in
23 the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
25 County of San Francisco endorses the establishment of the AWARE

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1 program in the City and County of San Francisco as a tool to further
2 the City's objective of ensuring the well-being and safety of women,
3 children, the elderly and intimate partners who are victims of
4 violence.

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution announcing and endorsing the establishment of the AWARE Program in the City and County of San Francisco.

December 6, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 6, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.