

1 [Violence Against Women Act.]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Congressional delegation to support the**  
4 **reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, the nation has made remarkable progress over the past 25 years in  
7 recognizing that domestic violence is a crime, providing legal remedies, social supports and  
8 coordinated community responses; and,

9 WHEREAS, millions of families continue to be traumatized by abuse, leading to  
10 increased rates of crime, violence and suffering; and,

11 WHEREAS, preventing domestic violence is not just about helping women and  
12 children, it's about ending crime and violence more broadly by going to the roots of that  
13 violence - the home; and,

14 WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 was the first legislation to  
15 address violence against women and a giant step forward for our nation; and,

16 WHEREAS, the passage of the Violence Against Women Act meant that our federal  
17 government finally acknowledged the harm caused by domestic and sexual violence, and put  
18 resources into helping victims; and,

19 WHEREAS, millions of women, children and families are better off as a result; and,

20 WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act was reauthorized in 2000, continuing the  
21 essential work begun in 1994 and adding important services for immigrant, rural, disabled and  
22 older women; and,

23 WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act will expire soon, and the challenge in  
24 2005 is to reauthorize and improve it once again; and,

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1           WHEREAS, the decisions Congress makes when it reauthorizes VAWA this year will  
2 set priorities and funding levels for years to come, determining what options will be available  
3 to victims of abuse, how well the criminal justice system will respond to violence, and whether  
4 our nation finally invests in prevention; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby urges San Francisco Congressional  
6 delegation to support the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

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