

1 [Residential Substance Abuse Services for Women and Children as a Funding Priority.]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to set residential substance**
4 **abuse services for women and children as a funding priority for the social benefit and**
5 **cost savings they promote for San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors' City Services Committee held a
8 hearing on April 22, 2004 to identify gaps in residential substance abuse services for women
9 with children; and,

10 WHEREAS, The testimony provided at the City Services hearing highlighted the vital
11 role residential treatment programs for substance abuse play in the lives of women and
12 children who are otherwise subject to dangerous and unhealthy environments; and,

13 WHEREAS, There are 160 substance abuse treatment beds for women with children in
14 San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, There are 2, 000 mothers who need beds; and,

16 WHEREAS, The lack of funding for residential substance abuse programs have placed
17 the programs, such as Epiphany House, a 14-bed licensed treatment facility set to close in
18 June, in jeopardy; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco is resolved to ask the federal government to grant funds
20 which address this need, however the total amount of federal funding available is
21 tremendously insufficient; and,

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco has provided vital funding for residential substance abuse
23 services in the past; and,

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco cannot abandon these women who are doing their part to
25 battle back from drug abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse and homelessness; and,

1 WHEREAS, Every dollar spent in residential treatment saves San Francisco \$7 in costs
2 in emergency services, foster care, incarceration and City and State provided services; and,

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a continuing obligation to provide partial funding for
4 residential substance-abuse treatment programs; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San
6 Francisco to set residential substance abuse services for women and children as a funding
7 priority for the social benefit and cost savings they promote for San Francisco.

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