

1 [Supporting the Homeless Veterans March in Washington for Housing Justice September 10
2 through November 2, 2004.]

3 **Resolution supporting and endorsing the Homeless Veterans March in Washington**
4 **D.C. for Housing Justice, September 10 through November 2, 2004.**
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6 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 275,000 homeless veterans in America and as
7 many as 3,000 homeless veterans in San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco spends as much as \$20,000 per
9 year to maintain one homeless person on our streets; and,

10 WHEREAS, The stated mission of the Veterans March in Washington D.C. is to lobby
11 congress for surplus federal land and building materials in every city, county, and rural
12 township so that able-bodied homeless veterans can build simple, decent housing for
13 themselves and other homeless people; and,

14 WHEREAS, The success of this march will save cities tens of millions of dollars
15 annually, provide much needed affordable housing at little cost to government, and provide
16 large numbers of homeless people the opportunity and dignity to work to own a simple, decent
17 home of their own; and,

18 WHEREAS, The federal government, unlike most cities and states, has the ability to
19 borrow money and transfer surplus land; and,

20 WHEREAS, Homelessness is a problem concentrated in cities because of abundant
21 and expensive city services; and,

22 WHEREAS, Mobilizing large numbers of homeless veterans to Washington D.C. in an
23 effort to make homelessness a visible federal problem during a presidential election will force
24 the next president to take the problem seriously; now therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports and encourages
2 homeless veterans to go to Washington D.C. to camp on the National Mall in order to make
3 homelessness a very visible issue in the 2004 Presidential election; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors acknowledges
5 the courage of homeless veterans to leave the relative comfort of San Francisco streets to
6 expose themselves to the uncertainty of living on the National Mall under the intense security
7 measures now in place in Washington D.C.; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages
9 Mayor Gavin Newsom and other affluent San Francisco citizens to adopt one homeless
10 American veteran and pay his or her roundtrip airfare and living expenses while they educate
11 congress in our nation's capital; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports our
13 platoon of homeless veterans to peacefully petition their government for the tools, materials,
14 and surplus land to build housing for themselves and other homeless people.

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