

1 [TANF reauthorization.]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to reauthorize TANF funds without 1)**
4 **increasing the weekly work requirement from 30 to 40 hours or 2) shortening the length**
5 **of time welfare recipients can participate in educational and vocational training.**
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7 WHEREAS, In 1996, Congress passed a welfare reform act, ending the Federal
8 entitlement to poor families with children and replacing it with Temporary Assistance for
9 Needy Families (TANF); and,

10 WHEREAS, TANF recipients have the opportunity to take up to 12 months of
11 vocational training and are required to work 30 hours a week to receive their assistance; and,

12 WHEREAS, A TANF Reauthorization bill, H.R.4, passed through the House and is now
13 in front of the Senate with changes to the weekly work requirement and vocational training
14 opportunities; and,

15 WHEREAS, To the extent that TANF requires voluntary collaboration between the San
16 Francisco business community, TANF agencies and nonprofit organizations, flexibility in
17 hours and options for training are important components to the success of welfare reform in
18 San Francisco and; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City of San Francisco urges the
20 United States Congress to reauthorize TANF funds without increasing the weekly work
21 requirement or limiting the vocational training opportunities to TANF recipients, and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
23 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the members of Congress from San
24 Francisco and the Unites States Senators from California with a request they take all action
25 necessary to achieve the objectives of this resolution.