

1 [Urging Ryan White Reauthorization]

2 URGING CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT CLINTON TO SWIFTLY REAUTHORIZE THE
3 RYAN WHITE CARE ACT AND SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF U.S. SENATE BILL 2311.

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5 WHEREAS, The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act
6 was first authorized by the United States Congress in 1990, providing critical funding to cities
7 and states heavily impacted by the AIDS crisis; and

8 WHEREAS, the CARE Act is set to expire in September, 2000 and is therefore a top
9 priority for people with HIV/AIDS and local AIDS advocacy groups; and

10 WHEREAS, The AIDS crisis continues unabated and is responsible for over 18,000
11 deaths in San Francisco and the rate of new infections in San Francisco remains far too high;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Recent declines in AIDS-related deaths and new AIDS diagnoses are
14 largely attributed to the CARE Act's success in providing access to critical HIV care,
15 treatment and necessary support services to hundreds of thousands of uninsured persons
16 living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S.; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite recent declines in AIDS-related deaths, certain populations, such
18 as residents of the Tenderloin neighborhood in San Francisco, have not shown a decrease in
19 deaths since the epidemic began in the 1980s, illustrating the continuing need for resources
20 to ensure care for residents with specific and urgent needs; and

21 WHEREAS, The current structure of the CARE Act, particularly Title I of the Act,
22 provides significant flexibility to local communities in meeting the challenges of the AIDS
23 epidemic; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco uses Title I funding of the CARE Act to provide outpatient
25 medical and dental care, substance abuse and mental health treatment, housing and

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1 transportation assistance, case management services, and home health and hospice care to
2 people living with HIV and AIDS who are most in need of these services; and

3 WHEREAS, The CARE Act serves as the cornerstone of San Francisco's ability to
4 provide care and supportive services to the over 8,000 people living with AIDS in the city; and

5 WHEREAS, Ongoing discussions to change the distribution formula of Title I funding
6 are taking place in the context of Ryan White CARE Act reauthorization; and

7 WHEREAS, It is imperative that any changes to the Title I formula do not result in
8 drastic cuts that would disrupt or destabilize existing systems of HIV care in San Francisco;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Senators Jim Jeffords (R-VT) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) have recently
11 introduced legislation that would reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act, S. 2311; and

12 WHEREAS, S. 2311 would ensure that Title I formula cuts to any metropolitan area are
13 limited to no more than two percent per year, thereby preventing substantial cuts in funding
14 and the destabilization of CARE services; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco
16 urges Congress and President Clinton to swiftly reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act and
17 support the passage of U.S. Senate Bill 2311; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors supports the reauthorization of
19 the Ryan White CARE Act in a manner that stabilizes existing services in San Francisco for
20 the large number of people living with HIV/AIDS.



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April 24, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,

Teng, Yaki

Absent: 1 - Yee

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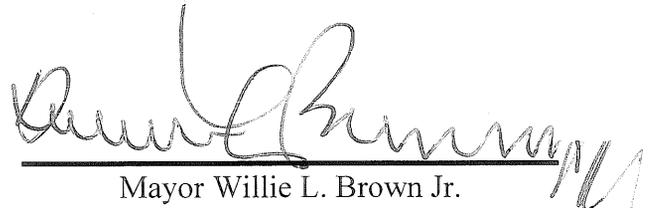
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 24, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.