

1 [Urging Support of Federal Funding for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Services.]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Congressional delegation to support federal**
4 **funding for residential substance abuse treatment services for women with children.**

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, The women in residential treatment facilities will go back to living on the
16 streets or in unsafe environments if the facilities close; and,

17 WHEREAS, The children of these women will go back to foster care, separated from
18 their biological mothers; and,

19 WHEREAS, These women and children are victims of drug abuse, domestic violence,
20 sexual abuse, and homelessness; and,

21 WHEREAS, There are two federal grants (Substance Abuse and Mental Health
22 Services Administration's ("SAMHSA") Pregnant and Postpartum Women Grant and
23 Homeless Treatment Grant) for which San Francisco and one of its key service providers,
24 Epiphany House, are applying, which would help fund San Francisco's need in this area; and,

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

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco's residential treatment programs break the cycle of
4 addiction and violence and supply a safe living environment, life skills tools, and financial
5 support to turn women and children dependent on government programs into self-sufficient
6 community members; and,

7 WHEREAS, Residential treatment programs, such as Epiphany House, a 14-bed
8 licensed treatment facility, will close unless funding is immediately secured; now, therefore, be
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10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 urge the San Francisco Congressional delegation to support the San Francisco Department of
12 Public Health's application for the SAMHSA Pregnant and Postpartum Women Grant, Funding
13 Opportunity Number TI 04-004 and Epiphany House's application for the SAMHSA Homeless
14 Treatment Grant, Funding Opportunity Number TI 04-01.

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