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2 Percentage by Renewing Federal Stimulus Funds.]

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4 **Resolution urging Congress and President Obama to increase California's Federal**
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7 WHEREAS, The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) helped to prevent
8 the discontinuation of essential health and behavioral services to San Francisco residents in
9 the 2009-2010 fiscal year; and

10 WHEREAS, The FMAP allocation, as laid out in the American Reinvestment and
11 Recovery Act of 2009, lowered State payments for Medicaid services by increasing the share
12 paid by the federal government for federal fiscal years 2009, 2010 and the first quarter of
13 2011; and,

14 WHEREAS, Prior to Congress' 2009 winter break, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called
15 for an extension of the Recovery Act in her "Jobs for Main Street Bill", which increased the
16 Federal match for Medicaid for all state programs; and,

17 WHEREAS, For California, the original allocation amounted to approximately a 6.2%
18 increase in the share of cost, meaning that, based on the federal formula, the new FMAP
19 federal allocation rose to about 61% and the State share dropped to 39%; and,

20 WHEREAS, This increased federal funding helped the SF Department of Public Health
21 avoid devastating cuts in services, including significant lay-offs of non-profit contract program
22 employees and City and County workers who serve the most vulnerable of San Francisco's
23 residents; and,

24 WHEREAS, It is critical that any continued Federal support for local and state
25 government, through the appropriations process or another stimulus package, continue this

1 increased percentage of federal share of costs for the Medicaid program beyond the current
2 scheduled time frame; and,

3 WHEREAS, The FMAP increase is one of the most direct ways to infuse necessary
4 funding into local government in order to assure that existing physical and behavioral health
5 services remain available to those who are most at risk; and,

6 WHEREAS, The FMAP increase is an efficient mechanism to assure that there is no
7 further loss of jobs in the health care sector because the Medicaid funding supports those
8 direct service health care personnel who provide the services that produce the Medicaid
9 reimbursement; and,

10 WHEREAS, The FMAP allocation will have an immediate effect of assuring critical
11 services and stopping further job loss in an essential sector; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress and
13 President Obama to increase California's FMAP acting on House Speaker Pelosi's "Jobs for
14 Main Street Bill" and renewing Federal Stimulus Funds; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SF Board of Supervisors urges the SF City lobbyist
16 to work in our congressional delegation to increase California's FMAP monies.

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