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2 the quality of food programs in City and County of San Francisco.]

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6 **Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Public and private agencies in San Francisco work every day to ensure
9 that vulnerable families and individuals are safe from the devastating effects of hunger ; and

10 WHEREAS, Federally funded nutrition programs serve as a cornerstone of this effort
11 to end hunger in our City. More than a dozen federal programs form a patchwork of
12 assistance. Many programs, like the National School Lunch Program, are designed to
13 prevent hunger among children. Others focus on ending hunger among the elderly, while a
14 few – like the Food Stamp Program – can serve any resident who meets the program’s strict
15 income limits, regardless of age; and,

16 WHEREAS, Despite the presence of these federal program in San Francisco, at least
17 150,000 residents – or one in five adults and one in four children – still live with the threat of
18 hunger. At the same time, San Francisco lost over \$70million in federal nutrition benefits last
19 year due to underutilization of federal nutrition programs; and,

20 WHEREAS, For the City, underutilization means the loss of significant federal
21 resources that would support jobs and economic growth while helping to reduce the public
22 cost of health care and emergency services; and,

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco Food Security Task Force is a body that was established
24 by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to provide guidance on ways and means to
25 increase participation in programs, and to provide the Board with advice and assistance

1 concerning funding priorities, legislative actions, and city policies addressing hunger and
2 enhancing the food security of San Francisco residents.

3 WHEREAS, Food Security Task Force works with San Francisco Human Services
4 Agency and San Francisco Food Bank to submit grant proposal for a new and innovative food
5 stamp access program. As a result, San Francisco has been awarded a \$1 million grant from
6 the United States Department of Agriculture.

7 WHEREAS, The new program is an effort to improve access and participation in the
8 city's Food Stamp Program. Webcams and computer kiosks will be installed at Community
9 Based Organizations throughout the City. San Franciscans will be able to enroll in the Food
10 Stamp program and recertify their existing services at these sites; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Food Security Task Force will perform oversight of the new Food
12 Stamp Program initiative; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisor commends Food Security
14 Task Force for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of food programs in
15 City and County of San Francisco.

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