

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1001 (Haney) - Health Facilities: Behavioral
2 Health Emergency Services]

3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass California State Assembly**
4 **Bill No. 1001, Health Facilities: Behavioral Health Emergency Services, introduced by**
5 **California Assembly Member Matt Haney, to amend Article 7I.1 of the Health and Safety**
6 **Code.**

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8 WHEREAS, Direct patient care in general acute care facilities currently includes
9 patients who have behavioral health needs, including needs related to mental health and
10 substance use, and behavioral health emergencies; and

11 WHEREAS, Patient care outcomes in general acute care hospitals are dependent upon
12 safe staffing levels and the competence of direct care personnel who staff those facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Insufficient staffing levels of direct patient care personnel, including
14 registered nurses, who have the specialized competency to provide, and are appropriately
15 trained in, behavioral health and behavioral health emergency response, results in unsafe
16 patient care and increased occurrences of workplace violence; and

17 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 1001 (AB 1001) would require general
18 acute care hospitals to adopt policies to respond to a patient requiring behavioral health
19 emergency services, including minimum staffing requirements for behavioral health
20 emergency services, procedures for response by behavioral health emergency services
21 personnel in a timely manner, and annual training; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California Assembly Bill No.
23 1001; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
2 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco's state legislative delegation, and
3 the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and Office of the Secretary of the Senate.
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