[Urging State Action.]

Resolution urging the State of California to increase reimbursement rates for child development centers contracting with the California Department of Education through Title V.

WHEREAS, Child development centers contracting with the California Department of Education to serve low-income families with quality child care and education and family support services are central to the lives of children, families and the communities throughout San Francisco and the state; and,

WHEREAS, These child development centers have demonstrated positive outcomes in preparing San Francisco's low-income children for success in school measuring their progress through the California Department of Education's Desired Results system; and,

WHEREAS, The program and performance of standards established through Title V of the Education Code for these child development centers far exceed the minimum health and safety standards required by the State for licensure; and,

WHEREAS, These child development centers are reimbursed by the State with a flat rate that today meets only approximately 50% of the real costs of care in our county, threatening their ability to continue to provide services to children families and communities; and.

WHERE AS, Because of this inadequate reimbursement, \$900,000 for services provided by child development centers in San Francisco was relinquished to the California Department of Education in 2004, with child development centers closing classrooms and reducing services because of increasing program deficits associated with providing child care

and education and parent support services through California Department of Education contracts; and,

WHERE AS, Child care centers not meeting these same high quality standards are reimbursed by the State at higher regional rates which reflect market costs and many Title V child development centers are considering terminating their high quality programs and services, in order to be paid more money for a lesser program; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value and contribution of child development centers contracting with the California Department of Education through Title V to provide services to the children, families and communities of this county and recognizes the serious inequity in the lack of fiscal support for such centers; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports an effort to add a statutory requirement that any child development center in this county contracting with the California Department of Education through Title V shall be reimbursed at a rate that addresses quality and cost of care; and be it,

FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the state legislative delegation of this county to seek an appropriate remedy for this problem in Sacramento and calls upon the Governor of California to provide the appropriate funding in his FY 2005-06 Budget Proposal.



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April 19, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 19, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved** 

Gloria L. Young Clork of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom