

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1956 (Reyes) - Supporting the Stable Funding
2 of Victim Services]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1956, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Eloise Reyes, to prioritize continuity and stability of California’s**
5 **crime victim services.**

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7 WHEREAS, The criminal justice system can result in victims navigating inaccessible
8 bureaucracies and undergoing traumatic experiences before, during, and after a verdict has
9 been reached; and

10 WHEREAS, The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 created the Crime Victims Fund and
11 authorized federal financial assistance to states for the purpose of supporting eligible crime
12 victim assistance programs; and

13 WHEREAS, The Office of Emergency Services administers these federal funds to
14 nonprofits as well as tribal and governmental entities across California to support victim
15 service providers so that victims of crime can access necessary assistance; and

16 WHEREAS, The Crime Victims Fund under the Office of Emergency Services has
17 slowly depleted over the past decade, resulting in local direct service providers being
18 jeopardized; and

19 WHEREAS, In the fiscal year 2021-2022, the funds administered by the Office of
20 Emergency Services supported hundreds of thousands of emergency shelter nights, services
21 for over forty-six thousand individuals experiencing sexual violence through California’s rape
22 crisis centers, support for over sixteen-thousand child abuse survivors and their families, and
23 distribution of information about the criminal justice process to hundreds of thousands of
24 individuals; and

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1 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 1956, introduced by Assembly Member
2 Eloise Reyes, seeks to ensure the continuity and stability of crime victim services in
3 California by ensuring that services provided by the Office of Emergency Services are not
4 depleted in the event of federal funding fluctuation; and

5 WHEREAS, By stabilizing the State funding and support for the victim services
6 programs provided by the Office of Emergency Services, California State Assembly Bill No.
7 1956 provides for the development, support, and continuity of the trauma-informed, high-
8 quality services for victims of crime; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports California State
10 Assembly Bill No. 1956; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to
12 Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and Speaker of the State
13 Assembly Robert Rivas.

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