

1 [Authorizing the Department of Human Services to request an ABAWD Waiver from the State
2 Department of Social Services.]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of Human Services to request an ABAWD**
4 **Waiver from the State Department of Social Services.**
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6 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services provides food stamps to eligible San
7 Francisco residents; and,

8 WHEREAS, Eligible recipients (Able Bodied Adults without Dependents – ABAWDS) of
9 food stamp benefits are limited to receiving the benefit for three months within a three year
10 period of time for able bodied adults who are not working, participating in a work program for
11 20 hours or more each week, or in workfare; and,

12 WHEREAS, The State of California can issue waivers to counties, including San
13 Francisco, that would allow the Department of Human Services to continue to issue food
14 stamps to ABAWDS beyond the three months within a three year time period; and,

15 WHEREAS, The State of California can issue the aforementioned waivers for either the
16 entire county or part of the county based upon having a local unemployment rate in excess of
17 10%, or in excess of 20% of the national unemployment rate; and,

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco County has sub-county areas that have consistently had
19 local unemployment rates in excess of 10% and/or 20% above the national unemployment
20 rate; and,

21 WHEREAS, High unemployment rates make it increasingly more difficult for individuals
22 to obtain and maintain employment within their own community; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Human
24 Services to request consideration for an ABAWD waiver through the State of California to
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1 continue to provide food stamp benefits to individuals that reside within a sub-county area that
2 has had a consistently high local unemployment rate in excess of 10% or 20% above the
3 national unemployment rate average; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the, Deputy Director –
5 Welfare to Work Division of the State of California’s Department of Social Services with the
6 request that full consideration be given to the Department of Human Services’ ABAWD
7 Waiver request.

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