

1 [Board response to the 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “Preparing for a Disaster:
2 Administrative Commitment and Appropriate Funding in the Department of Emergency
Management and the Department of Public Health”]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the**
4 **recommendations contained in the 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled**
5 **“Preparing for a Disaster: Administrative Commitment and Appropriate Funding in the**
6 **Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Public Health”.**
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8 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code Section 933 et seq., the Board of
9 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
10 Court on the recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and,

11 WHEREAS, In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), if a finding or
12 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a
13 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head
14 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the
15 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over
16 which it has some decision making authority; and,

17 WHEREAS, The 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “Preparing for a Disaster:
18 Administrative Commitment and Appropriate Funding in the Department of Emergency
19 Management and the Department of Public Health” is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
20 Supervisors in File No. _____, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set
21 forth fully herein; and,

22 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. I-1 of the subject Civil Grand Jury Report states:
23 “The Civil Grand Jury calls on the elected and appointed officials to protect the citizens of San
24 Francisco with a renewed and sustained commitment to emergency and disaster planning and
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1 preparedness by empowering those responsible with the authority to carry out their duties and
2 by assuring ongoing appropriate funding”; and,

3 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-A2 states: “The Department of Emergency
4 Management should develop and submit to the Mayor for FY09 a clearly defined program-
5 staffing plan necessary to complete its disaster planning, coordination and preparedness
6 duties in a professional manner, consistent with the highest standards of disaster response”;
7 and,

8 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-A3 states: “The Mayor should submit a budget to
9 the Board of Supervisors for FY09 that supports the Department of Emergency Management’s
10 clearly defined program-staffing plan and the Board should approve it”; and,

11 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-A8 states: “Consistent with Mayor’s May 10, 2006
12 Directive, the Mayor should propose and the Board of Supervisors should approve for FY09
13 requests of departments with major defined disaster roles to make its Disaster Preparedness
14 Coordinator a full time dedicated staff position”; and,

15 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-B2 states: “Beginning with its 2007 annual report
16 to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Emergency Management
17 should include an update on the state of short and long range planning, including time
18 revisions of Strategic and Operational Plans”; and,

19 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-E4 states: “The Department of Emergency
20 Management, General Services Agency, Department of Public Health and the Fire
21 Department should submit to the Mayor clearly defined funding requests necessary for
22 community planning resource requirements. The Mayor should approve the requests and
23 forward them to the Board of Supervisors for approval by FY09”; and,

24 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. III-2 states: “The Mayor should direct the
25 Department of Emergency Management to develop a plan for permanent ongoing local

1 funding for staffing, maintenance and storage of equipment and sustaining programs obtained
2 under federal Homeland Security grants. The Board of Supervisors should approve funding to
3 maintain and sustain the program and/or equipment”; and,

4 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. III-3 states: “The Mayor should require each
5 department’s annual budget to include a line item request for disaster preparedness related
6 resources, which should be prepared and approved consistent with documented
7 programmatic need. The Board of Supervisors should approve these funding requests”; and,

8 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. III-8 states: “The Mayor and the Board of
9 Supervisors should fully fund and staff the Department of Emergency Management and the
10 General Services Agency to enable them to coordinate maintenance and security of all
11 disaster equipment across departmental lines by FY09”; and,

12 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-B3 states: “Beginning in fiscal year 2008, the
13 Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should annually appropriate funding to equip DOCs with
14 disaster response equipment, including fixed generator power. This funding should also
15 provide for maintenance and replacement”; and,

16 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-B6 states: “Until fixed generators are in place,
17 departments with a major defined disaster response role should budget for, and the relevant
18 Commissions, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve back-up portable
19 generators, capable of supporting multiple computer and communication devices, and
20 dedicated to the Departmental Operations Command Center”; and,

21 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-Ci1 states: “The Mayor should direct the
22 departments to budget for training funds and offer group training to all employees who request
23 it or would be best served by it. The Board of Supervisors should approve funding for
24 appropriate training by FY09”; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-D8 states: “Beginning with its 2007 Annual
2 Report, the Department of Emergency Management should report on gaps in emergency
3 response capabilities identified in exercises and drills, and recommended corrective actions”;
4 and,

5 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-C6 states: “The Department of Public Health
6 should budget for and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors
7 should approve a new full time manager position of Disaster Preparedness Coordinator
8 assigned to the Emergency Medical Services Agency by FY09”; and,

9 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Di2 states: “The Department of Public Health
10 should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of
11 Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the
12 Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary to support maintenance of the field care
13 clinics and other disaster preparedness equipment by FY09”; and,

14 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Di4 states: “The Department of Public Health
15 should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of
16 Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions as requested by
17 the Emergency Medical Services Agency to support this function by FY09”; and,

18 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Dii1 states: “The Department of Public Health
19 should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of
20 Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the
21 Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary to complete the development and
22 operational phase of the Electronic Patient Tracking Pilot Project and implement the System
23 by FY08”; and,

24 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Dii3 states: “After the Patient Tracking Program is
25 operational, the Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health

1 Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve the clearly defined
2 program-staffing positions requested by the Emergency Medical Services Agency as
3 necessary for ongoing technical support and program training on the Electronic Patient
4 Tracking System by FY09”; and,

5 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Diii1 states: “The Department of Public Health
6 should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of
7 Supervisors should approve the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the
8 Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary to maintain and test communications
9 equipment and conduct training on communications systems”; and,

10 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-E1 states: “The Mayor and the Board of
11 Supervisors should recognize that the Department of Public Health Headquarters located at
12 101 Grove Street is critical to the command and control of continued medical services to the
13 community in the case of a disaster. They should acknowledge that the retrofitting approved
14 by the voters in 1990 was not completed, and create and implement bond or other funding
15 methods to carry out retrofit projects”; and,

16 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. VI-E1 states: “The Mayor should recommend and
17 the Board of Supervisors should approve the funding for a helipad on San Francisco General
18 Hospital”; and,

19 WHEREAS, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), the Board of
20 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
21 Court on the Recommendation Nos. I-1, II-A2, II-A3, II-A8, II-B2, II-E4, III-2, III-3, III-8, IV-B3,
22 IV-B6, IV-Ci1, IV-D8, V-C6, V-Di2, V-Di4, V-Dii1, V-Dii3, V-Diii1, V-E1 and VI-E1 contained in
23 the subject Civil Grand Jury Report; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the
25 Superior Court that it agrees with Recommendation Nos. ____ of the 2006-2007 Civil Grand

1 Jury Report entitled "Preparing for a Disaster: Administrative Commitment and Appropriate
2 Funding in the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Public Health";
3 and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that it disagrees wholly
5 or partially with Recommendation Nos. _____, as follows _____; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the
7 implementation of accepted recommendations through his/her department heads and through
8 the development of the annual budget; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City departments
10 responsible for recommendations not necessitating a response from the Board of Supervisors
11 to provide a status report to the Board of Supervisors on implementation of said
12 recommendations within six months of the passage of this resolution.

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