

1 [Family Economic Self Sufficiency]

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3 **Resolution adopting "Family Economic Self Sufficiency" as a goal toward which the**
4 **City and County will strive to achieve and will make concerted efforts to move families**
5 **out of poverty towards economic self-sufficiency through legislation initiative,**
6 **budgetary planning decisions and executive policy directives.**

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8 WHEREAS, According to the Californians for Family Economic Self Sufficiency and
9 The National Economic Development & Law Center, a single parent raising two young
10 children in San Francisco would have to effectively hold down three full-time minimum wage
11 jobs in order to make ends meet; and

12 WHEREAS, The cost of living for working families in the City and County of San
13 Francisco has risen by 70% since 1996; whereas, costs rose by just 29% in Los Angeles
14 County over the same period; and

15 WHEREAS, A single person living in San Francisco must earn \$13.26 per hour to pay
16 for food, rent, child care, transportation, health care, taxes, and miscellaneous expenses; and

17 WHEREAS, Approximately 26.6% of San Francisco households (68,274) have
18 incomes too low to pay for basic needs; and

19 WHEREAS, The definition of "family economic self-sufficiency" is that individuals and
20 families have enough income to cover their basic costs of living and working (food, rent, child
21 care, transportation, health care, miscellaneous costs and taxes); and

22 WHEREAS, The Self Sufficiency Standard for California describes the amount of
23 income necessary to meet these basic needs for 70 different family types; and

24 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Workforce Investment Board has adopted the Self
25 Sufficiency Standard and uses it as an eligibility criterion for job training; and

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2 WHEREAS, Many Bay Area public agencies, non-profit organization and foundations
3 utilize the Self Sufficiency Standard as a data resource, a funding criterion, and a counseling
4 tool; and

5 WHEREAS, The Federal Poverty Line is inadequate to accurately describe the actual
6 costs of living for working families in San Francisco, since it is calculated using the cost of
7 food times three and does not include other substantial costs such as housing or child care;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, One out of five Bay Area households have incomes between the Federal
10 Poverty Line and the Self Sufficiency Standard, leaving these families in a gap between the
11 poverty line and economic independence; and

12 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature adopted a resolution in 2004 urging the
13 federal government to use a self-sufficiency index in place of the Federal Poverty Line (SJR
14 15); and

15 WHEREAS, Connecticut and Illinois calculate a state-sponsored self-sufficiency index,
16 and public agencies all over the country have adopted the Self Sufficiency Standard as an
17 indicator of well-being, a counseling tool, and a benchmarking tool; and

18 WHEREAS, The Self Sufficiency Standard uses publicly available and regularly
19 updated data sources, including HUD, California Department of Education, California
20 Department of Managed Care, the California Franchise Tax Board and the U.S. Census;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby adopts "Family
23 Economic Self-sufficiency" as a goal toward which the City and County will strive to achieve
24 and will make concerted efforts to move families out of poverty towards economic self-
25 sufficiency through legislation initiative, budgetary planning decisions and executive policy
directives; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors adopts the California Self
Sufficiency Standard as an accurate measure of the income required to pay for basic needs in
San Francisco; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Clerk of the Board to notify to all relevant City Departments that directly provide services to the public, by alerting them of the City's adoption of the Self Sufficiency Standard by delivering a copy of this resolution upon passage.



City and County of San Francisco

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October 19, 2004 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

October 26, 2004 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Noes: 1 - Elsbernd

October 26, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

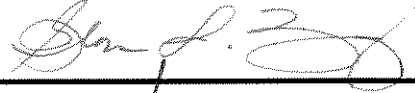
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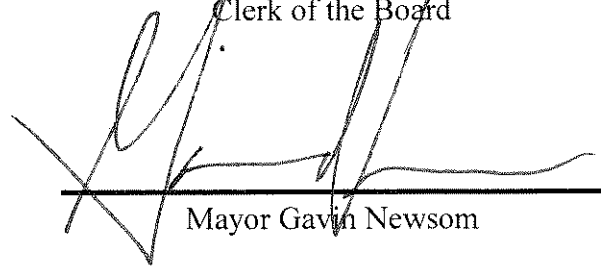
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on October 26, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom