

1 [Supporting the Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment Clinic in San Francisco.)

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3 **Resolution encouraging Senator Dianne Feinstein to support the Bay Area Addiction**
4 **Research and Treatment Clinic in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, according to Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment (BAART), more
7 than half the individuals with substance abuse problems also have chronic mental health
8 disorders; and,

9 WHEREAS, those individuals suffering from both problems will benefit most from
10 consistent symptom management because substance-abuse treatment is more effective once
11 a mental disorder has been diagnosed and treated; and,

12 WHEREAS, also according to BAART, most substance-abuse treatment centers are
13 not qualified to diagnose mental health disorders, creating a barrier to treatment, due to the
14 uninsured and indigent often not being able to travel and/or manage time so as to address
15 multiple diseases in different facilities; and,

16 WHEREAS, managing appointments at multiple locations also creates significant
17 burdens for the people that need help the most, forcing them to seek care in the most
18 expensive treatment locations of all, emergency rooms; and,

19 WHEREAS, BAART seeks to join mental-health services with its existing healthcare
20 and substance abuse programs to provide patients access to multiple services in one
21 community-based facility through a pilot program that will serve as a model that can be
22 applied at BAART's eleven other clinics throughout California; and,

23 WHEREAS, by supporting an investment in this initiative, California could get direct,
24 significant public health returns, as well as a burden lifted from emergency rooms; and

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1 WHEREAS, BAART's Market Street Clinic is seeking \$500,000 in the Labor Health and
2 Human Services Appropriations Bill for FY05 to demonstrate the efficacy of continuum-of-care
3 for mental health services for low-income and indigent populations; Now Therefore Be It,

4 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco do
5 hereby support the Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment Clinic; and be it,

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City & County of San
7 Francisco does hereby encourage Senator Dianne Feinstein to support a pilot project for Bay
8 Area Addiction Research and Treatment (BAART) to demonstrate the efficacy of continuum-
9 of-care for mental health services for low-income and indigent populations San Francisco.

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