

1 [Resolution urging the US Congress to support 2007 Farm Bill.]
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4 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to support a strong Nutrition Title in the**
5 **2007 Farm Bill that will improve the Food Stamp Program, strengthen The Emergency**
6 **Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), fully fund the Commodity Supplemental Food**
7 **Program (CSFP), and support adequate nutrition for everyone.**

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes that the Farm Bill shapes the food and farming
9 systems in the United States and is crucial in determining state and local policies that prevent
10 hunger and promote healthy diets; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 150,000 people in San Francisco are at risk of hunger; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Food Stamp Program is a crucial and effective investment; more than
13 80 percent of food stamp benefits go to families with children and in 2006, the Food Stamp
14 Program pumped more than \$2.3 billion into California's economy, benefiting farmers,
15 grocers, small businesses, and communities throughout our state; and,

16 WHEREAS, The adequacy of food stamp benefits must be improved – the average
17 benefit of \$1 per person per meal and the \$10 minimum monthly benefit are insufficient; and,

18 WHEREAS, Access to the Food Stamp Program must be expanded - only 46% of
19 eligible San Francisco families participate in food stamps and low-income California seniors
20 who receive SSI (Social Security Income) cannot receive food stamps; and,

21 WHEREAS, We need to remove asset restrictions in the Food Stamp Program, so a
22 family with more than \$2,000 in total assets can qualify for food stamps; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Commodity foods through The Emergency Food Assistance Program
2 (TEFAP) that benefit our local emergency food network have declined more than 50 percent
3 in the last 2 years and the 2007 Farm Bill must strengthen this program; and,

4 WHEREAS, The President has proposed eliminating the Commodity Supplemental
5 Food Program (CSFP) which provides monthly food boxes to 9,600 low-income San
6 Francisco seniors and we need CSFP to be fully funded at \$157 million and reauthorized in
7 the Farm Bill.

8 WHEREAS, one in four youth are either overweight or at risk of overweight, with poor
9 nutrition contributing to this condition and many low-income San Franciscans lack access to
10 high quality, healthy fresh fruits and vegetables; and,

11 WHEREAS, Low-income San Franciscos rely on federal nutrition programs (National
12 School Lunch and Breakfast, Summer Meals, Child and Adult Care Food Program) for a
13 majority of their caloric intake; and,

14 WHEREAS, Programs that increase the availability of healthy, fresh, seasonal fruits
15 and vegetables in federal nutrition programs must be expanded including but not limited to
16 DOD Fresh, the Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program, the WIC and Senior Farmers Market
17 Nutrition Programs, the Community Food Projects; now, thereofre, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports a strong Nutrition
19 Title in the 2007 Farm Bill that will guarantee adequate nutrition for everyone.

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