

1 [Proposition J Contract/Body Removal Services For Medical Examiner's Office/Fiscal
2 Emergency]

3 **Resolution concurring with the Controller's certification that body removal services for**
4 **the Medical Examiner's Office, Department of Administrative Services can be**
5 **performed by private contractor for a lower cost than similar work performed by City**
6 **and County employees.**

7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco must reconcile a projected
8 \$59.1 million budget deficit for 2005-2006 with a Charter obligation to enact a balanced
9 budget each fiscal year; and,

10 WHEREAS, The State's projected budget deficit for 2005-2006 is approximately
11 \$9.1 billion dollars which will result in significant additional revenue reductions to the City and
12 County budget; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Federal budget, as proposed by President Bush, is expected to result
14 in programmatic reductions in the City of between \$10 to \$15 million in fiscal year 2005-2006;
15 and,

16 WHEREAS, Emergency cost saving measures are being enacted by the State of
17 California and numerous local governments throughout California in an attempt to address
18 these projected budget deficits; and,

19 WHEREAS, The weak economy and delayed economic recovery in California and the
20 Bay Area in particular have dramatically and adversely impacted the City's fiscal condition
21 over the past several years, creating a fiscal emergency for the City and County of
22 San Francisco; and,

23 WHEREAS, For example, the City and County of San Francisco faces significant
24 increases in its costs for fiscal year 2005-2006, including an increase of \$21.2 million in fund
25 contributions to the Employee Retirement System, an increase in approximately \$70.2 million

1 in wage and other costs under current labor contracts, an increase of \$21.9 million in health
2 and dental benefits for both current and reitred employees mandated by Charter and labor
3 agreements, and an increase in other non-salary expenditures of at least \$21.5 million; and,

4 WHEREAS, Because the City's projected \$59.1 million budget deficit accounts for
5 6.3 percent of discretionary spending, the City must cut programs and services citywide; and,

6 WHEREAS, The \$59.1 million budget deficit projection already includes planned use of
7 all reserves that are available to the general fund; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Electorate of the City and County of San Francisco passed
9 Proposition J in November 1976, allowing City and County Departments to contract with
10 private companies for specific services which can be performed for a lower cost than similar
11 work by City and County employees (Charter Section 10.104.15); and,

12 WHEREAS, The Controller has determined that a Purchaser's award of a contract for
13 Body Removal Services to a private contractor will achieve substantial cost savings for the
14 City; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Mayor has determined that the state of the City's budget for fiscal
16 year 2005-2006 as indicated herein has created an emergency situation justifying a
17 Purchaser's award of a contract for Body Removal Services to a private contractor; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Controller's certification, which confirms that said services can be
19 performed at lower costs to the City and County by private contractor than by employees of
20 the City and County, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
21 No. _____, which is hereby declared to be part of this resolution as if set forth fully
22 herein; now, therefore be it;

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby concurs with the Controller's
24 certification and the Mayor's determination, and approves the Proposition J Resolution
25 concerning the Purchaser's award of a contract to a private contractor for Body Removal

1 Services for the Medical Examiner's Office for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30,
2 2006.

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