

1 [Supporting Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi]

2 **SUPPORTING CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY PELOSI'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN**
3 **CURRENT LEVELS OF RYAN WHITE FUNDING TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN**
4 **FRANCISCO AND FURTHER SUPPORTING CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI'S PROPOSAL**
5 **TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS TO FREEZE THE REVENUE STREAM OF RYAN WHITE**
6 **FUNDS TO SAN FRANCISCO AT WITHIN TWO PERCENT OF THE CURRENT \$3.3**
7 **MILLION AND FURTHER OPPOSING OKLAHOMA CONGRESSMAN TOM COBURN'S**
8 **AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF**
9 **RYAN WHITE FUNDS TO STATE AND LOCAL COUNTY GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE OF**
10 **THE POTENTIALLY SEVERE DISRUPTION OF SERVICES TO HIV/AIDS PATIENTS.**

11 WHEREAS, Ryan White was a hemophiliac from Kokomo, Indiana who contracted
12 AIDS through tainted blood infusion and passed away in 1990 at age 19; and

13 WHEREAS, The Ryan White Care Act was passed by Congress in 1991 in honor of
14 Ryan White and has dispersed over \$6.4 billion to state and local governments to provide
15 medical care to AIDS/HIV patients who don't qualify for Medicaid, but who don't have medical
16 insurance ; and

17 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Republican Congressman Tom Coburn will be introducing
18 legislation to amend the Ryan White Care Act; and

19 WHEREAS, Under the current Ryan White Act, federal funds are dispersed to states
20 and counties with the highest number of AIDS cases reported; and

21 WHEREAS, Coburn's amendments would designate the number of new HIV infections
22 reported rather than the total number of AIDS cases as the criteria for qualifying for federal
23 funds; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco currently receives \$35 million annually from Ryan White
25 funds and would stand to lose \$8 million annually if the amendment passes; and

Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, *Katz*, Leno, Newsom

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2 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is opposed to any amendments which
3 would decrease funding for San Francisco and has vowed to maintain continued funding for
4 the various medical and education programs funded through Ryan White funds, including a
5 proposal to freeze the revenue stream to San Francisco at within two percent of the current
6 \$3.3 million; and

7 WHEREAS, Any attempts to drastically change the funding formula for the
8 disbursement of Ryan White funds will cause severe disruption to existing services and even
9 endangering the lives of HIV patients; and

10 WHEREAS, Nationally and internationally renowned model HIV/AIDS treatment
11 programs as well as culturally specific programs designed specifically for communities of color
12 will be threatened; now therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 hereby supports Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's efforts to maintain current levels of Ryan
15 White funds to the City and County of San Francisco; and let it be

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby supports
17 Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's proposal to introduce amendments to freeze the revenue
18 stream of Ryan White funds to San Francisco at within two percent of the current \$3.3 million;
19 and let it be

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby opposes Oklahoma
21 Congressman Tom Coburn's amendment to revise the funding formula for the disbursement of
22 Ryan White funds to state and local county governments because of the potentially severe
23 disruption of services to HIV/AIDS patients.

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25 **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**



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Resolution

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Resolution supporting Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's efforts to maintain current levels of Ryan White funding to the City and County of San Francisco and further supporting Congresswoman Pelosi's proposal to introduce amendments to freeze the revenue stream of Ryan White funds to San Francisco at within two percent of the current \$3.3 Million and further opposing Oklahoma Congressman Tom Coburn's amendment to revise the funding formula for the disbursement of Ryan White funds to state and local county governments because of the potentially severe disruption of services to HIV/AIDS patients.

April 24, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Teng, Yaki
Absent: 1 - Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on April 24, 2000 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.



for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.