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8 WHEREAS, 12,000 of San Francisco's needy mothers with children and senior citizens
9 face losing a critical, major source of food each month; and

10 WHEREAS, 4 million pounds of food every year (worth up to \$8 million) will leave San
11 Francisco without such allocation of funds; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Commodity Supplemental Food Program works to improve the health
13 of low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year
14 postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people at least 60 years of age by
15 supplementing their diets with nutritious United States Department of Agriculture commodity
16 foods; and,

17 WHEREAS, This program has operated in San Francisco since the 1970's and there is
18 not another program available that can replace the assistance provided to the most
19 vulnerable residents; and,

20 WHEREAS, 20,937 seniors and 9,444 children in San Francisco are income and age
21 eligible for participation in this program; and,

22 WHEREAS, Hunger impairs a child's ability to learn, grow and stay healthy; and,
23 among the elderly, hunger exacerbates chronic and acute health problems and speeds the
24 onset of degenerative diseases; and,
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1 WHEREAS, The program is only partially funded by the federal government and
2 requires support from the City and County of San Francisco and other public agencies; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor, the California
5 Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture to immediately
6 provide financial support to the San Francisco Food Bank to assume responsibility for
7 operating the Commodity Supplemental Food Program in San Francisco.

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