

1 [Urging the Establishment of a 30-Day Home Delivered Meals Waitlist Policy]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish a 30-day home**
4 **delivered meals waitlist policy, and in an emergency, within two to five days.**

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6 WHEREAS, On December 12, 2013, it was resolved that the Board of Supervisors and
7 the City and County of San Francisco committed to ensuring that all San Franciscans are food
8 secure and hunger free by 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, On December 12, 2013, it was resolved that the Department of Aging and
10 Adult Services provide an analysis of the funding required and policies needed to ensure
11 homebound seniors and disabled adults are served within 30 days, and, in an emergency,
12 within 2 to 5 days; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that our community
14 benefits when homebound seniors and adults with disabilities live independently without the
15 risk of poor nutrition, neglect or social isolation; and

16 WHEREAS, The 60+ population is expected to grow 20% between 2010 and 2020
17 (Census 2010); and

18 WHEREAS, A recent national study (U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education,
19 Labor & Pensions, 2011) found approximately half of health conditions affecting older persons
20 are related to poor nutrition, often leading to early entry into long-term care facilities; and

21 WHEREAS, One year of home-delivered meals costs about the same as one day in the
22 hospital, with an average of \$3,949 per day in the United States (2011 Comparative Price
23 Report Medical and Hospital Fees by Country – released by the International Federation of
24 Health Plans); and

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1 WHEREAS, A needs assessment conducted in 2012 by the San Francisco Human
2 Services Agency and Department of Aging and Adult Services showed the gap between the
3 number of meals served and the number of meals needed was approximately 84,000 meals
4 daily; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging and Adult Services estimates that an additional
6 4,972 individuals are living below 200% of poverty with ambulatory, independent living and
7 self-care difficulties and in need of home-delivered meals; and

8 WHEREAS, Two hundred and thirty-one people are currently on the waitlist for home-
9 delivered meals, and the average wait time is 42 days; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco
11 urges the Department of Aging and Adult Services to allocate funding to establish a 30-day
12 home delivered meals waitlist policy, and in an emergency, within two to five days; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, A report on the implementation of the policy and the allocation
14 of funding will be made to the Food Security Task Force and the Board of Supervisors on a
15 quarterly basis.

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