

1 [Authorizing Use of General Fund Dollars as Matching Funds for Federal Medicaid Funding]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Health to use General Fund dollars as**
4 **matching funds to receive federal Medicaid funding for services provided through the**
5 **Community-Living Support Benefit Waiver (AB 2968).**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) is committed to
8 providing home and community-based long-term care alternatives to institutional care for
9 individuals in need of skilled nursing services; and,

10 WHEREAS, In response to this commitment DPH has developed two programs -
11 Placement and Housing and Urban Health (HUH); and,

12 WHEREAS, Currently, Placement monitors the care of 700 clients in local Adult
13 Residential Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, and HUH houses and
14 provides support services to more than 1,000 clients; and,

15 WHEREAS, DPH spends \$20.2 million annually for its Placement program and \$20.7
16 million for its HUH program for a total of \$40.9 million for community-based care; and,

17 WHEREAS, All of the funding for Placement and HUH comes from the local General
18 Fund; and,

19 WHEREAS, Many of the clients currently in or being diverted from skilled-nursing
20 facilities into the Placement and HUH programs are enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid; and,

21 WHEREAS, The services provided through Placement and HUH are currently ineligible
22 for Medicaid reimbursement; and,

23 WHEREAS, If services for Placement and HUH could be covered by federal funding,
24 the Medicaid reimbursement would be 50 percent; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In the 2006 State legislative session, then Assemblyman Mark Leno
2 successfully carried Assembly Bill (AB) 2968, the Community-Living Support Benefit on behalf
3 of the City and County of San Francisco to allow for federal Medicaid reimbursement of
4 Placement and HUH services; and

5 WHEREAS, AB 2968 directs the California Department of Health Care Services
6 (DHCS) to develop and implement a program to provide a community-living support benefit to
7 eligible Medicaid (called Medi-Cal in California) beneficiaries in San Francisco; and

8 WHEREAS, Since enactment of AB 2968, DPH has been working with DHCS to
9 implement a five-year federal §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver with
10 the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and,

11 WHEREAS, AB 2968 requires that the legislation shall be implemented only upon
12 adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 providing county funds for use by the state to match federal Medicaid funds to receive federal
14 funds for services provided under the waiver and for any costs associated with implementing
15 and monitoring the waiver, to limit state costs; and,

16 WHEREAS, DPH estimates that by the fifth year of the Waiver, nearly 500 people
17 could be enrolled; and,

18 WHEREAS, DPH estimates that by the fifth year of the Waiver, the City and County of
19 San Francisco could recover approximately \$8 million annually through federal Medicaid
20 funding for the Community-Living Benefit Support Benefit Waiver; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Public Health
22 to use General Fund money as a match to receive federal Medicaid funding for services
23 provided through the Community-Living Support Benefit Waiver (AB 2968).