

1 [Urging the California State Legislature to Pass Assembly Bill 755]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 755 to require**
4 **all proposed new construction or refurbishment of bridges take into account plans**
5 **for a suicide barrier to become eligible for any State or Federal funds apportioned by**
6 **the State.**

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8 WHEREAS, The top three deadliest suicide bridges in the world are in the United
9 States, two of those bridges are here in California; and

10 WHEREAS, Mental illness has been found as a factor to the ongoing tragedy of deaths
11 by suicide on bridges; and

12 WHEREAS, Suicide is most often an impulsive action, restricting easy access to lethal
13 bridge jumps can significantly reduce the number of bridge suicides; and

14 WHEREAS, the deadly potential of a bridge jump varies with the height and design of
15 each individual bridge, it is necessary to consider this lethal potential prior to construction; and

16 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 755 (AB 755), sponsored by Assembly Member Tom
17 Ammiano, would require all proposed new construction or refurbishment of bridges take into
18 account plans for a suicide barrier to become eligible for any state or federal funds
19 apportioned by the state; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 hereby urges the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 755.

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