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[Housing assistance for people with HIV/AIDS displaced by Katrina]

Resolution stating that the City and County of San Francisco will provide housing assistance for the 8,000 people with HIV/AIDS who have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi.

WHEREAS, The AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families estimates 8,000 people with HIV/AIDS have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi and are seeking medical care and the critical medications that many no longer have; and

WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS are medically disadvantaged with weak immune systems that make them more susceptible to bacterial and viral diseases; and

WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS must consistently take the correct medications to sustain their health and to stay alive in the long-run, otherwise the virus can develop resistance to the medications and can multiply unchecked; and

WHEREAS, Numerous studies continue to show that HIV/AIDS is best controlled when doses of medication are taken on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Some medications that people with HIV/AIDS must take may include up to twenty different types of pills; and

WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS who have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina disaster must manage their virus without access to doctors or medications; and

WHEREAS, The United States Health Resources and Services Agency, a federal agency that provides health care for HIV infected people, has closed four service centers in Louisiana and Mississippi, including services centers in Biloxi, New Orleans, Hattiesburg, and Mobile due to flooding and loss of power; and

WHEREAS, The AIDS Housing Alliance of San Francisco is a housing referral and advocacy organization founded by and for people with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, "Under One Roof," a San Francisco non-profit organization that provides unrestricted funds to thirty-five AIDS services organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, has created "The Above and Beyond Fund" to assist HIV/AIDS services organizations in Louisiana and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, People with HIV/AIDS deserve equal opportunity for assistance for their special medical needs in catastrophic disasters; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San Francisco to provide housing assistance for people with HIV/AIDS who have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi.



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## Resolution

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September 27, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 27, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: October 7, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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