FILE NO. 031675

RESOLUTION NO. 684-03

[Urging 108th Congress to Tie National School Lunch Program Eligibility to Regional Indicators and To Increase California's Reimbursement Rate.]

Resolution urging 108th U.S. Congress to link National School Lunch Eligibility Criteria to Regional Poverty Indicators and to increase the Program's Reimbursement Rate.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is disproportionately affected by a higher cost of living than most cities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Higher expenses in San Francisco affect the ability of the San Francisco Unified School District to adequately meet the nutritional needs of children, particularly those who are low-income; and,

WHEREAS, While federal funding has kept up with the national cost of living, it has not adequately provided for services in San Francisco due to regional variances in the cost of food and supplies related to market availability and distribution costs, as well as differences in the cost of labor; and,

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WHEREAS, numerous students in the San Francisco Unified School District are deemed ineligible for the National School Lunch Program despite their real need because of criteria that are not aligned with San Francisco's cost of living; now, therefore, be it

Supervisor Maxwell **Name of Supervisor/Committee/Department** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the 108th U.S. Congress in the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act, to index the free and reduced price eligibility scale of the National School Lunch Program based on regional and area costs and update it at regular intervals."

RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the 108th U.S. Congress in the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act, to include California on the list of states with higher reimbursement rates to reflect the differences between the costs of providing meals and supplements in all other States, similar to the higher reimbursement rates in effect for Alaska and Hawaii and for some schools with higher percentages of low-income children; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward a copy of this resolution to San Francisco's State and Federal legislative delegation.

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October 7, 2003 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 7, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved