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RESOLUTION NO. 369-97

1 [Paramedic Function]
2 SUPPORTING A TRANSFER OF PARAMEDIC FUNCTION FROM THE HEALTH
3 DEPARTMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

4 WHEREAS, The residents and visitors of San Francisco deserve the
5 fastest, most efficient and highly trained emergency response system;
6 and,

7 WHEREAS, Last year, the Health Department coordinated an
8 Emergency Medical Services Reconfiguration planning process to
9 examine all options of delivering emergency services with the desired
10 goal of providing the residents of San Francisco with the best
11 possible emergency response system; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services Reconfiguration planning
13 process had participation from a broad spectrum of public and private
14 agencies, including paramedics, firefighters, emergency medicine
15 physicians, nurses and other members of the Emergency Medical
16 Services community, and reached consensus on a plan which called for
17 a fire-based emergency response and transportation system; and,

18 WHEREAS, This planning process resulted in a Fire Based Response
19 and Transportation System Phase II Report, which was approved by the
20 Health Commission and the Fire Commission on February 18, 1997; and,

21 WHEREAS, The plan set forth in the Phase II Report offers the
22 residents and visitors of San Francisco a faster and more coordinated
23 response to emergency medical calls, multi-casualty incidents, and
24 disasters, while retaining appropriate management and control of
25 emergency medical services by the Department of Public Health; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The plan set forth in the Phase II Report also
2 increases field supervision, medical oversight, training
3 opportunities and quality improvement activities for emergency
4 medical services; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports a
6 transfer of paramedic function from the Health Department to the Fire
7 Department, consistent with the Charter; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
9 supports the cross training of personnel as firefighter-paramedics
10 through attendance at a paramedic training academy and the Fire
11 College; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
13 supports the transition costs that are necessary to effect this
14 change.
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