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RESOLUTION NO.

[Contract Modification with Acumen Fiscal Agent, LLC for the Jobs Now Program - \$53,995,000]

Resolution approving the emergency declaration to modify the contract between the City and County of San Francisco and Acumen Fiscal Agent, LLC to provide private employer based wage subsidy reimbursements under the City's Jobs Now Program for qualified JOBS NOW participants during the period of March 25, 2010 to October 31, 2010, in the additional amount of \$44,000,000 for a total modified contract amount of \$53,995,000.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco passed Ordinance 191-09 (file #090820) on July 22, 2009 authorizing the Human Services Agency to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$26,505,777 for the subsidized employment program known as JOBS NOW for the California Work Opportunity and responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) program under the expanded Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) expanded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to include families earning income of less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco wishes to continue the subsidized employment program known as JOBS NOW, providing employment for San Francisco Families using ARRA funding; and

WHEREAS, A contract was awarded by the Human Services Agency to Acumen Fiscal Agent LLC pursuant to RFQ #354 issued in June 2007 to provide wage subsidies to various employers of JOBS NOW participants; and

WHEREAS, Expenditures under this contract have reached the limit of the authority of the Human Services Agency pursuant to Section 9.118 of the Charter; and

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WHEREAS, The JOBS NOW program has already doubled its original goal of helping 1,000 San Francisco families; and

WHEREAS, The City and County wishes to continue to provide support to San Francisco families under the JOBS NOW program; and WHEREAS, The President of the Human Services Commission has declared a fiscal emergency to allow for the continued payment of JOBS NOW invoices pending the further necessary approval for these payments from the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency adding \$10 million of spending authority to the Acumen contract will only support projected wage subsidy payments through the month of May; and

WHEREAS, additional contract authority in the amount of \$6 million will be needed to support wage subsidy payments through the month of June; and

WHEREAS, additional contract authority in the amount of approximately \$28 million will be needed to support wage subsidy payments during the months of July – September, 2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the declaration of fiscal emergency dated March 25, 2010 by the President of the Human Services Commission to allow continued payment of invoices under the JOBS NOW program; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves a modification of an additional \$44,000,000 to the contract with Acumen Fiscal Agent LLC to provide subsidized wage subsidy payment to private employers under the JOBS NOW program for a total amount not too exceed \$53,995,000 for the term of the contract through October 31, 2010.

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