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WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services provides food stamps to eligible San Francisco residents; and,

WHEREAS, Eligible recipients (Able Bodied Adults without Dependents – ABAWDS) of food stamp benefits are limited to receiving the benefit for three months within a three year period of time for able bodied adults who are not working, participating in a work program for 20 hours or more each week, or in workfare; and,

WHEREAS, The State of California can issue waivers to counties, including San Francisco, that would allow the Department of Human Services to continue to issue food stamps to ABAWDS beyond the three months within a three year time period; and,

WHEREAS, The State of California can issue the aforementioned waivers for either the entire county or part of the county based upon having an unemployment rate in excess of 10%; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco County has at least four sub-county areas that have had unemployment rates in excess of 10%; and,

WHEREAS, High unemployment rates make it increasingly more difficult for individuals to obtain and maintain employment within their own community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Human Services to request consideration for an ABAWD waiver through the State of California to

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continue to provide food stamp benefits to individuals that reside within a sub-county area that has had a consistent unemployment rate in excess of 10%; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy Director – Welfare to Work Division of the State of California's Department of Social Services with the request that full consideration be given to the Department of Human Services' ABAWD Waiver request.

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October 15, 2002 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 15, 2002 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**