## [NACo Funds]

Resolution urging the United States Congress to adopt the National Association of Counties (NACo) Homeland Security Task Force Recommendation for a county specific Anti-Terrorism Block Grant Fund.

WHEREAS, The United States is currently undergoing profound changes in the nature and frequency of terrorist threats; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco, as one of our nation's premiere counties located in a region that is strategically and economically important, is a potential target of terrorist attack both large and small; and

WHEREAS, New York City, Washington, D.C., and other strategically important locations in our nation have recently suffered terrorist attacks of varied scope and have included both explosive and biological agents; and

WHEREAS, It is county agencies that are on the frontlines of any domestic terrorist threat, and these agencies must have sufficient resources to facilitate a coordinated response to ensure the safety of the County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) estimated that the costs of providing adequate terrorist emergency response systems would include a one time cost of \$3,234,879 that would include one time costs for back up server systems for DPH physician alert systems (\$10,000), an expanded

ambulance communication system for the Department of Emergency Medical Services (DEMS) (\$220,000), an upgrade of DEMS decontamination equipment (\$90,000), San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) patient extrication equipment (\$207,980), enhancement of SFFD medical equipment (\$50,000), radio upgrades for SFFD underground communications(\$87,000), additional SFFD radio batteries (\$9,000), single battery chargers for the SFFD (\$12,500), wireless access to internet units for MMRS vehicles (\$20,000); and,

WHEREAS, Additional annual costs for effective maintenance of San Francisco's emergency response systems would include \$121,000 for yearly disaster training of San Francisco General Hospital workers, annual environmental health equipment and supplies for DPH (\$79,000), Communicable Disease Control Section 0.5 FTE 2232 (\$70,000), public annual lab supplies for DPH (\$10,000), DPH lab overtime for emergencies (\$3,150), CHN MMRS Pharmaceutical Program Manager/Trainee 0.1 FTE 1732 (\$12,750), and SFFD annual disaster training \$2,675,000,; and,

WHEREAS, The National Association of Counties (NACo) formed a Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) to address the need for additional measures of terrorism preparedness; and,

WHEREAS, The HSTF adopted a 16 point policy platform to arrange federal and county cooperation in the fight against terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, The HSTF placed the development of a Federal Anti-Terrorism Block Grant Fund with a minimum of \$3 billion directed towards county support as one of the task forces top priorities; and,

WHEREAS, The \$3 billion national block grant fund would only begin to address the needs of counties within the United States, considering San Francisco will need to provide \$8,313,477 this year to prepare its emergency response systems to be effective given the rising potential of terrorist activity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the United States Congress to adopt the National Association of Counties (NACo) Homeland Security Task Force Recommendation for a county specific Anti-Terrorism Block Grant Fund; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution as well as a copy of the attached Department of Public Health memo which explains the costs for disaster preparedness to Javier Gonzales, President of the National Association of Counties, 440 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution as well as a copy of the attached Department of Public Health memo which explains the costs for disaster preparedness to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 145380, San Francisco, CA 94102; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution as well as a copy of the attached Department of Public Health memo which explains the costs for disaster preparedness to Congressman Tom Lantos at P.O. Box 611, Burlingame, CA 94011; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution as well as a copy of the attached Department of Public Health memo which explains the costs for disaster preparedness to United States Senator Barbara Boxer at 112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution as well as a copy of the attached Department of Public Health memo which explains the costs for disaster preparedness to United States Senator Dianne Feinstein at 525 Market Street, Suite 3670, San Francisco, California, 94105.



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## Resolution

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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 December 17, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board