

1 [Resolution Urging Establishment of a Federal Prescription Drug Benefit Program]

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3 **Resolution urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a Prescription Drug**
4 **Benefit Program that incorporates the principles outlined by the San Francisco Office**
5 **on the Aging.**

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7 WHEREAS, Prescription drug benefits is a national issue requiring the combined effort
8 of all levels of government; and,

9 WHEREAS, There are several legislative proposals for a prescription drug benefit
10 program before the 107th Congress; and,

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Office on the Aging, supported by the National
12 Association of Area Agencies on Aging, urges the 107th Congress to incorporate the following
13 principles concerning Medicare and prescription drug benefits; and,

14 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Office on the Aging, a national
15 Prescription Drug Benefit Program should:

- 16 a) Guarantee comprehensive coverage of prescription drugs while maintaining access
17 to other Medicare benefits;
- 18 b) Provide prescription drugs regardless of income or health status;
- 19 c) Provide safeguards against erosion of drug coverage from other sources;
- 20 d) Create a consumer-driven environment that includes appropriate cost-containment
21 measures;
- 22 e) Prevent the misuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs through various
23 educational programs and efforts; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass legislation
25 establishing a Prescription Drug Benefit Program that will incorporate such principles as

1 outlined by the San Francisco Office on the Aging and supported by the National Association
2 of Area Agencies on Aging.

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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 February 4, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.