

1 [Supporting the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Fund for providing safe, affordable  
2 housing and supportive services to emancipated foster youth]

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4 **Resolution supporting the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Fund to provide safe,**  
5 **affordable housing and supportive services to emancipated foster youth.**

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7 WHEREAS, The State of California emancipated 4,355 youth, (160 of which are from  
8 San Francisco County) from the California foster care system in fiscal year 2000-2001; and

9 WHEREAS, Youth exiting the foster care system are often without any support system  
10 to help them with housing, education or vocational need and are especially vulnerable to  
11 homelessness; and,

12 WHEREAS, Sixty-five percent of these youth (2,831) were homeless at the time of  
13 emancipation as a result of existing transitional housing programs inability to increase  
14 capacity due to lack of funding to meet the needs for all (2,831); and,

15 WHEREAS, The County of San Francisco has undertaken the obligation of protecting  
16 these children in order to improve their lives; and,

17 WHEREAS, Homelessness is expensive and that PREVENTION strategies are most  
18 effective when targeted at young people most likely to become homeless; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes that the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth  
20 Fund is meant to provide supportive housing for emancipated youth, and that studies have  
21 found that supportive housing improves health, reduces dependence on public welfare  
22 payments, and promotes residential stability; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
24 recognizes the importance of affordable housing and supportive services to emancipated  
25 foster youth through the California State Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus), and

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1 all other available programs so that these young people may transition successfully into  
2 healthy adulthood; and,

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of  
4 Supervisors acknowledges that the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Fund provides a  
5 cost-effective investment in California's future; and,

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of  
7 Supervisors acknowledges that supportive housing is a proven homelessness prevention  
8 measure that has a measurable impact on the lives of homeless former foster youth and the  
9 financial health of the state; and,

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of  
11 Supervisors acknowledges that these are OUR children and we will do our utmost to ensure  
12 that these young people get the same assistance from us as would our biological children as  
13 they transition into adulthood.

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Resolution

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Resolution supporting the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Fund to provide safe, affordable housing and supportive services to emancipated foster youth.

March 16, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 16, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom