Resolution supporting S. 160, the Treatment on Demand Assistance Act, which will double the funding to states for drug treatment over the next 5 years to $6 billion in fiscal year 2006, an increase of 100% over current levels to be provided by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

WHEREAS, Fewer than half of America's nearly 5 million substance abusers are currently receiving treatment for their addictions; and

WHEREAS, In California, 60 percent of all facilities that maintain a waiting list have 23 people on their waiting lists on any given day; and,

WHEREAS, It is estimated that at least 90,000 San Franciscans, or 12% of the population, are at-risk for severe problems related to alcohol and/or drug use; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco ranks among the highest of all U.S. cities in drug-related emergency room admissions due not only to heroin use, but also methamphetamines and LSD; and,

WHEREAS, In 1996, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution endorsing substance abuse treatment on demand for indigent San Franciscans in response to this growing epidemic; and,

WHEREAS, In 1999, San Francisco had the third highest drug-related rage of any county in California; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, substance abuse treatment capacity has been expanded over 60%; and,

WHEREAS, Despite new treatment slots were in outpatient, residential, day treatment, drop-in and jail based services, significant delays in accessing treatment remain; and,
WHEREAS, an estimated 1,000 San Franciscans are turned away from treatment each day due to limited capacity; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Barbara Boxer recently introduced S. 160, the Treatment on Demand Assistance Act, which will double federal funding to states for drug treatment programs to help ensure that all those seeking help will have access to treatment; and,

WHEREAS, The Treatment On Demand Assistant Act will reward states that have enacted policies to provide substance abuse treatment to non-violent drug offenders and an alternative to prison; and,

WHEREAS, California adopted such a policy with the enactment of Prop 36, as such, S. 160 authorizes an additional $125 million per year for five years to provide matching grants to those states; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate Bill requires the General Accounting Office to monitor the program and report to Congress on whether the additional funding is sufficient to meet the need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports Senator Barbara Boxer's efforts to make treatment available to all substance abusers who seek it; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby support S. 160, the Treatment on Demand Assistance Act; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby ask that copies of this legislation be sent to our state representatives and His Honor the Mayor, with instructions that all actions be taken for its successful passage.
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May 21, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 21, 2001 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.