

1 [Resolution urging full funding of CHIPPS.]

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3 **Resolution urging full funding and implementation of the Community and Home Injury**  
4 **Prevention Project for Seniors (CHIPPS) by the San Francisco Department of Public**  
5 **Health.**

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7 WHEREAS, The leading cause of injury death to seniors is from falls in the home,  
8 which causes 32% of injury deaths to San Francisco seniors; and

9 WHEREAS, The leading cause of injury hospitalization of seniors is from falls in the  
10 home, which causes 77% of San Francisco senior hospitalizations; and,

11 WHEREAS, In 1996 an estimated \$40 million annually was spent on hospitalization of  
12 senior injuries (excluding Kaiser), with 75% resulting from falls in the home; and,

13 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, falls in the home account for 74% of all injury  
14 hospitalization discharges to long-term residential or home health service care; and,

15 WHEREAS, For seniors, who frequently require extensive follow-up care, including  
16 long-term institutionalization, permanent dependency on family members or attendants, home  
17 renovations and other direct and indirect costs, actual costs, both financially and mentally are  
18 considerably higher; and,

19 WHEREAS, Household hazards such as falls, burns and scalds pose special problems  
20 to older people, and it is possible to prevent many such injuries; and,

21 WHEREAS, There is a common misconception that falling and injuries such as a  
22 broken hip happen by chance and for those over age 60, such events are seen as an  
23 inevitable consequences of aging; and,

24 WHEREAS, Injuries of seniors and persons with disabilities in the home can be  
25 prevented; and,

1           WHEREAS, Injury prevention is less expensive to the City over time than is treatment  
2 after the fact; and,

3           WHEREAS, The Community and Home Injury Prevention Project for Seniors (CHIPPS)  
4 helped older people avoid these problems at home and in the community from 1992 to  
5 February, 2004; and,

6           WHEREAS, The goals of CHIPPS are:

- 7           • Create awareness that many injuries to older people can be prevented,
- 8           • Develop simple ways to recognize and correct injury hazards,
- 9           • Provide resources and information to health professionals and the public; and,

10          WHEREAS, CHIPPS provides educational presentations, workshops, home  
11 assessments and small home modifications to San Francisco seniors; and,

12          WHEREAS, CHIPPS is not funded and has been in effect not staffed since February  
13 2004; now, therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for full implementation of the  
15 Community and Home Injury Prevention Project for Seniors (CHIPPS) by the San Francisco  
16 Department of Public Health.



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Resolution urging full funding and implementation of the Community and Home Injury Prevention Project for Seniors (CHIPPS) by the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

February 1, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Dufty

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 1, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Signature]
Gloria L. Yeung
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: February 11, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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