

1 [Supporting Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team]

2 **Resolution commending the San Francisco Police Commission for implementing**  
3 **Mental Health Crisis (CIT) Intervention Team based on the "Memphis Model" urging**  
4 **stakeholder City departments and community based organizations to collaborate to**  
5 **provide adequate mental health services in order to facilitate the mission of the CIT**  
6 **and to ensure the CIT has the tools and resources necessary to achieve similar results**  
7 **to that of the Memphis Model.**

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9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Commission unanimously voted in favor of the  
10 resolution implementation of the Memphis Model Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in resolution  
11 on February 9, 2011, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.  
12 110254, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

13 WHEREAS, From 2007 to 2009 the demand for mental health care at San Francisco  
14 General Hospital has risen from 49,900 hours of service to 54,600 hours of service; and

15 WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2010 there has been a decrease from 84 to 21 inpatient  
16 psychiatric beds at San Francisco General Hospital and other clinics resulting in less  
17 treatment time to those who require it,

18 WHEREAS, The number of full-time psychiatrists at San Francisco General Hospital  
19 has decreased from 12 in 2007, to only seven in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, The duration of critical psychiatric inpatient care has decreased from 14  
21 days in 2007, to 10 days in 2010 bringing in to question the adequacy of care; and

22 WHEREAS, The number of mental health calls directed to the San Francisco  
23 Emergency Dispatch totals approximately 10,000 a year, or 30 calls a day, which leads to 8  
24 "5150s" or mentally ill persons detained per day,

1           WHEREAS, There have been drastic cuts in San Francisco's budget relating to  
2 psychiatric care which have led to an overall decrease in care and attention that is required to  
3 assist those with serious mental health issues; and

4           WHEREAS, Recent unfortunate incidents involving the SFPD and mentally ill citizens  
5 have pointed out the acute need for more effective mental health crisis intervention and the  
6 Memphis Model has a proven track record of success; and

7           WHEREAS, The Memphis Model relies on specialized officer training to recognize  
8 persons in experiencing a mental health crisis and providing efficient, timely and appropriate  
9 response; and

10           WHEREAS, Key factors to the success of CIT programs are diversion of mentally ill  
11 citizens from detention and the criminal justice system and in to adequate and efficient  
12 inpatient psychiatric care; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
14 commends the San Francisco Police Commission on their understanding of the unique  
15 challenges facing front-line officers in recognizing persons in a mental health crisis and  
16 moving to implement the Memphis CIT program to increase the safety of both the officers  
17 involved as well as those in crisis; and be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the SFPD to collaborate with  
19 Community Based Organizations and other mental health care stake holders to address the  
20 need to improve mental health care and treatment and that the success of the CIT is  
21 dependent on an efficient system that coordinates with mental health clinics which results in  
22 more positive outcomes; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the  
24 successes of the Memphis Model can be attributed in large part to an adequate and efficient  
25 mental health treatment system in partnership with well-trained first responders.



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March 08, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/8/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

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Mayor Edwin Lee

3/18/11

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Date Approved

Date: March 18, 2011

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.

Clerk of the Board

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