[Urging Residents, Elected Officials, and Community Based Organizations to Join Forces and Protect Our Communities During the COVID-19 State of Emergency]

Resolution urging all San Francisco residents, elected officials, and community based organizations to work together to follow Public Health orders and create volunteer opportunities to meet the needs of our most vulnerable San Franciscans, and urging the Department of Disability and Aging Services to expedite their process of approving volunteers to deliver essential goods to our most vulnerable San Franciscans during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed declared a state of emergency in San Francisco in response to the public health threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, six bay area counties, including San Francisco, announced a "shelter in place" order for all residents directing everyone to stay in their homes and away from others as much as possible for the next three weeks to help curb the spread of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, People who are sick or who have come into contact with someone who may have COVID-19 should stay at home, isolate themselves from others, and not put others at risk; and

WHEREAS, People who are sick and/or vulnerable have essential needs, including food and medicine, and cannot leave their homes to buy these things; and

WHEREAS, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), and other organizations have been preparing to provide food and essential needs for vulnerable residents and those impacted by school closures and the shelter in place order; and
WHEREAS, These organizations need healthy, able bodied volunteers to help them pack and deliver groceries and other essential items for vulnerable residents who cannot leave their homes; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials can work with community partners and CBOs in their districts to disseminate information to their constituents and set up volunteer opportunities to help ensure that the needs of their most vulnerable residents are met; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) conducts background checks on individuals before allowing them to deliver groceries to seniors and people with disabilities in order to protect them; and

WHEREAS, There are ways for people to volunteer from their homes, such as making phone calls and wellness checks for isolated seniors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges every San Franciscan to do their part to comply with Public Health guidelines and help each other in any way they can during the COVID-19 State of Emergency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all elected officials, including Supervisors, to work with community partners and CBOs in their districts to disseminate information and set up volunteer opportunities to meet the needs of their most vulnerable residents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Disability and Aging Services to expedite their process to approve volunteers who want to deliver groceries and other essential needs to our most vulnerable San Franciscans.
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March 24, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/24/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 04/30/2020
London N. Breed
Mayor
Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
04/03/2020
Date