

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE RULES AND
REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY INCREASING
THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THE CALWORKS
GRANT, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTORY FORMULA, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER
1, 2022**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, California law requires counties to provide support for indigent county residents who do not qualify for other financial assistance through the General Assistance (GA) program, which provides financial assistance in the form of a cash grant or vouchers for essential services to individuals who have no minor children and whose income and property do not exceed certain limits; and

WHEREAS, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000.5 permits the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to set the County's GA grant levels according to a statutory formula, which requires GA to be based on and subject to the same annual adjustment as CalWORKs grant levels; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the statutory formula relieves the County of the requirement of setting the grant levels based on the cost of subsistence in the County, ensures consistency of grant levels between counties, and discourages recipients from "grant shopping"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.30.050 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Human Services Agency (HSA) is responsible for proposing changes to the rules and regulations concerning policies and procedures for GA program administration to the Board of Supervisors for approval; and

WHEREAS, the California State Department of Social Services (CDSS) has advised counties that the maximum aid payment to CalWORKs families will be increasing effective October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, HSA recommends that the monthly GA standard for aid be increased effective October 1, 2022 to align with the State's CalWORKs standard;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the modification to the General Assistance Program rules and regulations by increasing the General Assistance grant to the same level as the CalWORKs grant, consistent with the statutory formula, effective October 1, 2022, is hereby authorized.

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