

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO MODIFY TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY: A) INCREASING THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE STANDARD OF AID GRANT BY APPROXIMATELY 5%, TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THE CALWORKS GRANT, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTORY FORMULA, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015; AND B) INCREASING THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BOARD AND CARE RATE FROM \$1,133 PER MONTH TO \$1,145 PER MONTH, FOR THOSE GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WHO RESIDE IN BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES PENDING SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME APPROVAL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015.**

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

**WHEREAS**, state law requires counties to provide support for indigent residents who do not qualify for other financial assistance, and such support requirement is satisfied by counties through the provision of a General Assistance (GA) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's GA program provides financial assistance to individuals who have no minor children and whose income and property do not exceed certain limits by providing such individuals with vouchers for essential services and a minimal cash grant; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1993, the County has chosen to set GA grant levels according to a statutory formula, which requires GA to be based on and subject to the same annual adjustments as CalWORKs grant levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Social Services has advised counties that effective April 1, 2015, the maximum aid payment to CalWORKs families will increase by approximately five percent (5%); and

**WHEREAS**, since 1993 the maximum grant level of the current California Supplemental Security Income (SSI) board and care rate has been allowed for those recipients who meet the criteria according to the GA guidelines in order to provide such recipients with the living situation which best suits their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Social Services has advised counties that effective January 1, 2015, the SSI board and care rate increased from \$1,133 per month to \$1,145 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.30.050 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Director of the Human Services Agency shall be responsible for formulating rules and regulations concerning policies and procedures for GA program administration, and those rules and regulations shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Agency recommends that the Board approve modifications to the County's rules and regulations for GA program administration by: A) increasing the GA standard of aid grant to the same level as the CalWORKs grant, consistent with the statutory formula; and B) increasing the maximum grant of the SSI board and care rate from \$1,133 per month to \$1,145 per month effective January 1, 2015, for those GA recipients who reside in board and care facilities pending SSI approval.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the General Assistance standard of aid shall be adjusted as follows:

Effective April 1, 2015

- From \$333 to \$350 for individuals who live alone, who live in shared housing, or who are homeless.
- From \$291 to \$306 for individuals who reside in a drug and alcohol treatment facility.
- From \$393 to \$413 for individuals who reside in a board and Care facility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that the General Assistance Supplement Security Income (SSI) be adjusted as follows:

Effective January 1, 2015

- From \$1,133 to \$1,145 for individuals who in a board and care facility pending SSI approval.

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