

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. _____

**DETERMINING THAT THE CLOSURE OF ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S
SKILLED NURSING UNIT WILL/WILL NOT HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON
THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, St. Francis Memorial Hospital operates a 34 bed skilled nursing unit, which opened in 1988; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Memorial Hospital plans to close its skilled nursing unit, effective December 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission, in accordance with the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance (Proposition Q) held a public hearing on November 6, 2007, regarding the closure of St. Francis Memorial Hospital's skilled nursing unit; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Memorial Hospital has testified that the skilled nursing unit is used primarily to discharge its patients out of acute care and has an average length of stay of 12.2 days; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Memorial Hospital has been referring patients discharged from St. Francis Memorial Hospital who require skilled nursing care to community based skilled nursing facilities, including St. Mary's Medical Center, and has done so without any impact on the quality of service for these patients; and

WHEREAS, after the closure of the skilled nursing unit, St. Francis Memorial Hospital patients requiring this level of care will be discharged to a community SNF or will remain in a medical surgical bed until such arrangements can be made; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Memorial Hospital has secured a bed hold contract with Kindred Healthcare who owns and operates four facilities in San Francisco and is actively pursuing a similar arrangement with Grove Street SNF; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Memorial Hospital has developed other discharge partnerships, including San Francisco Clinic Consortium Homecoming Services, Institute on Aging Discharge Services, St. Anthony's, Glide and South of Market Health Center respite partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the demand for skilled nursing facility beds in San Francisco currently exceeds supply, particularly in the area of long-term care skilled nursing facility beds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the closure of the skilled nursing unit at St. Francis Memorial Hospital will/will not have a detrimental impact on the health care service of the community; and be it

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 13, 2007 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Executive Secretary to the Health
Commission