RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $769,922 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO PURCHASE A NEW DIVE BOAT.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 130,000 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Due to its geographic and topographic layout, as well as other factors, the SFFD is confronted with unique challenges in responding to these incidents; and

WHEREAS, One of these unique challenges consists of the Department’s responsibilities for the protection of the Port of San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD applied for and was awarded a Fiscal Year 2015 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of $769,922 for a dive boat; and,

WHEREAS, The use of these grant funds will allow the Department to procure a new dive boat, enhancing the Department’s water response assets; and

WHEREAS, The grant requires the City to supply matching funds worth 25 percent of the total award, or $256,641; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to accept and expend the grant, to support and promote marine operations and enhance its protection of the San Francisco Bay and Port of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to accept and expend Port Security Grant funding from FEMA in the amount of $769,922 to purchase a dive boat to enhance the Department’s water response capabilities and increase Port protection.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on August 10, 2016.

Ayes: 3 (Covington, Cleaveland, Hardeman)
Nays: 0

Maureen Conefrey, Fire Commission Secretary