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STATEMENT ON
THE PASSAGE OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT REAUTHORIZATION
IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Today, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act including the expanded coverage for native, immigrant, and LGBT communities. We thank the members of Congress who made this long-awaited victory happen, most especially House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi who fought tirelessly to ensure bipartisan passage of this keystone legislation.

In its historic joint meeting in December 2012, the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and the San Francisco Police Commission adopted a resolution urging the reauthorization of VAWA and citing the following:

> *While there were 7,721 domestic violence calls to 911 in San Francisco, and 3,734 domestic violence cases sent to the Police Department during FY11-12, there were **no** reported deaths from domestic violence in San Francisco in 2012, an achievement that can be attributed, in part, to the VAWA funding that supports the effective coordinated response strategies and law enforcement agencies and victim services providers in San Francisco.*

On this day, we want to especially recognize the following 24 Partner Agencies who deliver direct services to women victims of violence and their families as part of the Commission on the Status of Women Violence Against Women Prevention & Intervention Services. These Partners, many of whom receive VAWA funding for their life-saving work, form the core of San Francisco's effective coordinated response to violence against women.

- *APA Family Support Services*
- *Arab Cultural and Community Center*
- *Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach*
- *Asian Women's Shelter*
- *Bar Association of San Francisco VLSP*
- *Bay Area Legal Aid*
- *Community United Against Violence*
- *Community Youth Center*
- *Donaldina Cameron House*
- *Filipino Community Center*
- *Glide Foundation*
- *Gum Moon Residence Hall*
- *Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco, Inc.*
- *Institute on Aging*
- *Jewish Family and Children's Services*
- *La Casa de las Madres*
- *LYRIC*
- *Mary Elizabeth Inn*
- *Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc.*
- *Mujeres Unidas y Activas*
- *San Francisco Women Against Rape*
- *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
- *WOMAN, Inc.*
- *Women in Dialogue*