Resolution recognizing January 22, 2005 as “Stand Up For Choice Day” in honor of the 32nd anniversary of the landmark 1973 United States Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade establishing a woman's constitutional right to decide when and if to have a child; and further supporting the local Pro-Choice community demonstrating in San Francisco to defend a woman's right to choose safe and legal abortion and birth control and further urging all legal authorities to fully facilitate the protection of the right of women to control their reproductive health, lives and futures in an ever-increasingly hostile anti-choice climate on the federal level and in state legislatures and courts throughout the country.

WHEREAS, The 1973 landmark United States Supreme Court decided Roe v. Wade (the "Roe decision") decision recognized the right of women to control their reproductive lives is central to their ability to participate fully and equally in the economic and social spheres of society; and

WHEREAS, The Roe decision states that (1) the decision to have an abortion is accorded the highest level of constitutional protection, like any other fundamental constitutional right, (2) state laws regarding abortion must be neutral with respect to influencing a woman's decision whether or not to have an abortion, (3) in the period before a fetus is viable, the government may restrict abortion only to protect a woman's health, and (4) after a fetus becomes viable, a state government may prohibit abortion, provided that such state's laws must permit abortion where necessary to protect a woman's health or life; and

WHEREAS, The protected right to make childbearing decisions, including abortion, has enabled women to pursue educational and employment opportunities that were often unattainable prior to the Roe decision; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Reproductive Rights reports that prior to the Roe decision, between 200,000 and 1.2 million illegally induced abortions occurred in the United States each year; and

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WHEREAS, In 1992, the United States Supreme Court decided Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey (the "Casey decision"), where, although it upheld a woman's right to choose, it also allowed federal, state and local laws that favor fetal rights and burden a woman's choice to have abortion, as long as the burden is not "undue;" and

WHEREAS, The Casey decision has unlocked the door to hundreds of state and federal criminal restrictions designed to discourage women from accessing abortion and to promote the rights of the fetus throughout pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, According to the Allen Gutmacher Institute (AGI), since 1996, more than 300 criminal abortion restrictions have been enacted by state and federal legislatures, none of which would have been constitutional under the original Roe decision; and

WHEREAS, According to Planned Parenthood, only eight states, including California, do not mandate parental involvement before a minor can obtain an abortion; and

WHEREAS, According to AGI, as of January 1, 2004, twenty-one (21) states will have laws in effect that require a woman to wait for a period of time, usually twenty four (24) hours, but up to as many as seventy-two (72) hours, after receiving state-directed counseling before she can receive an abortion; and

WHEREAS, These restrictions on access to abortion particularly discriminate against young women, poor women and women of color; and

WHEREAS, AGI indicates that 87 percent of all counties in the United States do not have an abortion provider; and

WHEREAS, For the first time since Roe v. Wade was decided, anti-choice officials are firmly in control of both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court is only one vacancy away from eliminating the Constitutional right to abortion; and

WHEREAS, Anti-choice leaders in the Bush Administration and the federal government are imposing their anti-choice ideology on the world's most vulnerable women worldwide by blocking international family planning funding and promoting ineffective and harmful abstinence-only programs abroad; and
WHEREAS, On January 22nd, people from all over the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond will gather to defend one of our most prized rights and liberties, the freedom of women to control their reproductive health, lives and futures; now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes January 22nd, 2005 as "Stand Up for Choice Day" in honor of the landmark 1973 United States Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, which established a woman's constitutional right to decide when and if to have a child; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors support the local Pro-Choice community demonstrating in San Francisco to defend a woman's right to choose safe and legal abortion and birth control; and, be it

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January 11, 2005  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 11, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date Approved