

1 [Supporting Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Barrier]

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3 **Resolution supporting the need for a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge to**
4 **protect the public's health and safety and further urging the Golden Gate Bridge Board**
5 **Directors to proceed with the design and consultation of a suicide barrier.**

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7 WHEREAS, Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States claiming
8 over 31,000 lives each year; and

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10 WHEREAS, Research indicates that most people who commit suicide have an
11 treatable mental illness, such clinical depression combined with heavy alcohol use; and

12 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, suicide is the sixth leading cause of death claiming over
13 950 lives since 1990; and

14 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Bridge has witnessed over 1200 known suicides in the
15 60 years since its construction, more than any other site in the entire world; and

16 WHEREAS, There were more suicides from the Golden Gate Bridge in 1997 than there
17 were traffic fatalities on the Golden Gate Bridge during the last quarter century; and

18 WHEREAS, Available research indicates that over 90 percent of the individuals
19 prevented from committing suicide on the Golden Gate Bridge do not make another suicide
20 attempt; and

21 WHEREAS, It is now possible to design and construct an aesthetically acceptable
22 barrier that will prevent suicides from occurring on the Golden Gate Bridge without detracting
23 from the view or grandeur of this magnificent architectural wonder; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long established commitment to establish and
25 enforce public policies that protect the health, well-being and safety of its residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Other architecturally significant structures such as the Empire State
2 Building and the Eiffel Tower have eliminated suicides by constructing a suicide barrier;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 hereby support a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors the efforts of the Golden
7 Gate Bridge Board of Directors to proceed with the design and consultation of a suicide
8 barrier; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports a feasibility study to
10 examine both the placement of a moveable median barrier and a suicide barrier; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urge the Golden
12 Gate Bridge Board of Directors to act thoughtfully and expeditiously to eliminate this public
13 hazard.

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Supervisors Ammiano, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Alioto-Pier, Daly, Dufty, McGoldrick, Peskin
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Resolution

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March 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

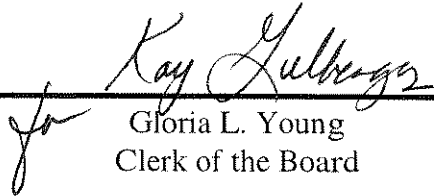
March 22, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi,
Peskin, Sandoval

Noes: 2 - Elsbernd, Ma

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 22, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

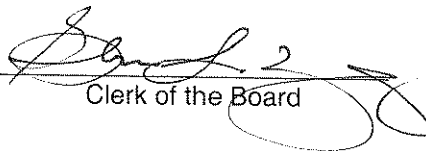
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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: April 1, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.


Clerk of the Board

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