

1 [Resolution declaring May 2006 Foster Care Month]

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4 **to volunteer their talents and energies to honor children and youth in foster care and**
5 **foster care alumni during this month and throughout the year.**

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7 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of strong and healthy communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Twenty percent of the nation's foster care youth live in California; and,

9 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2005, there were 1,992 children and youth in foster care in
10 San Francisco; and,

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 185 youth will "age out" or emancipate in San Francisco
12 this year; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationally eighty-three percent of foster children are held back by the third
14 grade; and

15 WHEREAS, Nationally nearly fifty percent of foster children suffer from chronic health
16 conditions; and

17 WHEREAS, A history of foster care correlates with becoming homeless at an earlier
18 age and remaining homeless for a long period of time; and

19 WHEREAS, More than half of these San Francisco children and youth are cared for by
20 family members through kin foster placements; and

21 WHEREAS, More dedicated foster parents are needed to provide family care for
22 children who cannot live with their parents; and

23 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the entire community to make sure that each
24 youth who leaves the foster care system in California has a permanent lifelong connection
25 with a caring adult; and

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WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to youth engagement, empowerment, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Current and former foster youth have the unique capacity to educate policy makers and the general public about the distinct needs of foster care youth; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous individuals and public, private and nonprofit organizations that work to empower and support foster youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisor declares May 2006 Foster Care Month and urges all community members to volunteer their talents and energies to honor children and youth in foster care and foster care alumni during this month and throughout the year.



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May 16, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 16, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

5/19/06

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom