

1 [National Adopt a Cat Month - June]

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3 **Resolution recognizing every June as National Adopt A Cat Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
7 approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized, of that, 1.4 million cats are put down; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 37% are adopted and less than 5% of cats who came in as
9 strays are returned to their owners; and

10 WHEREAS, The percentage of cats that are euthanized in shelters is 70%; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Humane Society of the United States, of the 3 million cats
12 and dogs euthanized in the shelters each year, approximately 2.4 (80%) are healthy and
13 treatable and could have been adopted into forever homes; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2019, the live release rate for the entire city of San Francisco climbed to
15 94%, which is the highest ever for San Francisco and for any major American city; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco SPCA is considered a national leader in animal welfare
17 movement and one of the first cities to guarantee that it will take an “adoptable” cat or dog
18 offered to it by the San Francisco Department of Animal Care and Control; and

19 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, 65% of San Francisco households are renter- occupied,
20 making cats the ideal animal companion since they are low- maintenance and ideal for
21 apartments and city living; and

22 WHEREAS, Owning a cat has been linked to lowering stress, anxiety and blood
23 pressure, and, according to the Center for Disease and Control, can be a key to reducing
24 stress, cholesterol and triglyceride levels; and

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1 WHEREAS, As seen with Shelter in Place in the COVID-19 Pandemic, having a feline
2 companion can help reduce feelings of loneliness, through instilling a sense of routine and a
3 reason to get out bed; and

4 WHEREAS, Owning a cat can also prevent and improve allergies, if a child is exposed
5 to cats within the first years of life, they are more likely to develop an immune system that
6 combats not only cat allergies but other kind of allergens as well; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Adopt a Cat Month was formed by American Humane 45
8 years ago in order to encourage people to stop buying cats and, instead, adopt them from
9 shelters; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes every June as
11 National Adopt A Cat Month.

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June 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

Excused: 1 - Melgar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/15/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

06/25/2021

Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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06/25/2021

Date