

1 [Calling for the immediate incorporation of human rights curricula in primary and secondary  
2 schools and offering express support for the drafting of an International Convention on Human  
3 Rights.]

4 **Resolution calling for the immediate incorporation of human rights education into the**  
5 **curricula of primary and secondary schools in San Francisco and encouraging the**  
6 **teaching of human rights in schools world wide and offering express support for the**  
7 **drafting of an International Convention on Human Rights for the new millennium.**

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9 WHEREAS, The United Nations (U.N.) Charter was signed in San Francisco sixty  
10 years ago, marking the birth of a fledging international body; and,

11 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly, in December 2004 passed a  
12 resolution mandating worldwide Human Rights Education in primary and secondary schools;  
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14 WHEREAS, This 2004 U.N. resolution marks the conclusion of the decade for Human  
15 Rights Education (1994-2004) and the start of the First Phase of the World Program for  
16 Human Rights; and,

17 WHEREAS, In celebration of International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2005,  
18 the *International Convention on Human Rights (ICHR)*, *Human Rights Watch* and *Reel Kids*  
19 *Films Inc.*, join together to teach hundreds of high school students, for one class period, on  
20 the same day, about the rights they share with others around the globe; and,

21 WHEREAS, The planned educational initiative will provide students with a booklet  
22 containing a compilation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European  
23 Convention on Human rights and the working draft of the International Convention of Human  
24 Rights, a 17 minute film documenting the history of human rights documents, a website; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Students will engage in a discussion on global issues and about which  
2 rights they would like to include in the International Convention on Human Rights; and,

3           WHEREAS, The mission of *International Convention on Human Rights*, a non-profit  
4 organization based in the Presidio, San Francisco, is to educate people about the evolution of  
5 International Human Rights documents, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
6 and European Convention on Human Rights, and to provide a process for individuals,  
7 organizations and governments to draft an International Convention on Human Rights  
8 enforceable in the local courts of all countries; and,

9           WHEREAS, San Francisco is working towards its contribution to the International  
10 Convention on Human Rights, a universal document that will be enforceable in all local courts,  
11 as a way to develop the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals; and,

12           WHEREAS, Youth can and do make invaluable contributions to this process; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls for the immediate  
15 incorporation of human rights education into the curricula of primary and secondary schools in  
16 San Francisco; and, be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages the  
18 teaching of human rights in all schools worldwide so that the more than 10 million students  
19 across the globe learn about their shared rights by December 10, 2010; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors offers its express support for  
21 the drafting of an International Convention on Human Rights which will hold all nations to  
22 equal, socially and economically responsible standards for the new millennium.

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