

1 [Sea Otter Awareness Week.]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 23-29, 2007 Sea Otter Awareness Week**

4 WHEREAS, The sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's
5 natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's near shore
6 marine ecosystem; and

7 WHEREAS, A growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining the health of the near
8 shore marine ecosystem has raised public interest in the sea otter; and

9 WHEREAS, Disease from a variety of sources, including land-based biological
10 pathogens, accounts for approximately 40% of the mortality for California sea otters in a given
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, The survival of the sea otter in California remains dependent upon
13 continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role sea otters play in
14 nature; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims
16 September 23 – 29, 2007 Seat Otter Awareness Week in San Francisco.

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