

1 [Commending Preschool California]

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3 **Resolution commending Preschool California’s efforts in building momentum toward increasing**
4 **access to quality preschool to all 4-year-olds in California.**

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6 WHEREAS, A compelling body of respected research demonstrates quality preschool
7 programs, benefit children and their families, the public school system, public safety, and society as a
8 whole; and,

9 WHEREAS, Brain research states that 90 percent of brain development takes place before age
10 five, making early childhood the best time to invest in preschool programs that boost learning,
11 creativity, and social skills; and,

12 WHEREAS, Research shows that children who have gone to quality preschool show greater
13 success in elementary school reading and math, and that they are more likely to graduate from high
14 school and attend college than their peers who do not participate in quality preschool program; and,

15 WHEREAS, Fewer than half of California’s children come to kindergarten with preschool
16 experience; and,

17 WHEREAS, Preschool programs continue to be inadequately funded; and,

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters overwhelmingly showed their support for preschool in
19 passing the 2003 Proposition I “Smart Start for San Francisco Kids” and the 2004 Proposition H
20 creating the “Public Education Fund”; and,

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco population of 3 and 4-year-olds is 9,029 according to the Census
22 2000; and,

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco will begin implementing the San Francisco Preschool for All
24 Program starting with the 2005-2005 school year; and,

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1 WHEREAS, There still is inadequate funding for the San Francisco Preschool for All Program
2 to be truly universal for all preschool-age (3 and 4-year-olds) children; and,

3 WHEREAS, First Five California Commission has made available \$100 million to increase
4 access to preschool by funding demonstration projects; and,

5 WHEREAS, In addition to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Mateo and Alpine counties are
6 implementing county plans for Preschool For All initiatives; and,

7 WHEREAS, There is growing public support for universal preschool in California; and,

8 WHEREAS, Preschool California has developed a broad-based multi-year advocacy campaign
9 to achieve publicly funded, quality, voluntary preschool for all 4-year-olds in California; and,

10 WHEREAS, The establishment of a California Preschool for All Program will benefit the
11 children in San Francisco; and,

12 WHEREAS, Preschool California has established the Leadership Council to provide individuals
13 and organizations an opportunity to express support of achieving Preschool for All in California;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby commends Preschool
16 California’s efforts in building momentum toward increasing access to quality preschool to all 4-year-
17 olds in California.

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