

1 [Sea Otter Awareness Week.]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 21-27, 2008 Sea Otter Awareness Week in San**
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WHEREAS, The sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's near shore marine ecosystem; and

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 21 – 27, 2008 Sea Otter Awareness Week in San Francisco.

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