

1 [Honoring the Mother of the Children’s Fund, Margaret Brodkin on the 20th Anniversary of the
2 Children’s Fund]

3 **Resolution honoring Margaret Brodkin as the “Mother of the Children’s Fund” on the**
4 **occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Children’s Fund, in the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco.**

6 WHEREAS, City government recognizes the special responsibility it has to support the
7 healthy development of children and youth; and

8 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates has been the leading voice in San Francisco calling
9 for local, city investments in high quality services to children, young people and families; and,

10 WHEREAS, Before 1991, San Francisco children had no protections from budget cuts
11 and low income children went without basic health and support services; and,

12 WHEREAS, Margaret Brodkin, in her role as the Executive Director of Coleman
13 Advocates for Children & Youth, had the vision in 1991 to create a dedicated source of city
14 funding for the city’s youth; and,

15 WHEREAS, Margaret Brodkin led Coleman Advocates’ campaign to put “Proposition J
16 – the Children’s Amendment” on the city ballot by petition, with 50,000 signatures from
17 everyday San Franciscans but almost no support from the city’s elected leaders; and,

18 WHEREAS, Proposition J, passed by the voters in 1991, was renewed by 75 percent
19 of the voters in 2000, and is now widely supported by community and city leaders; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Children’s Fund, now housed at the Department of Children, Youth
21 and their Families, has become a core part of city’s safety net serving hundreds of thousands
22 of children, and,

23 WHEREAS, Margaret Brodkin dedicated more than twenty years as a tireless voice for
24 the idea that the needs of poor children should be among the city’s top priorities, and that
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1 community need, not political connections, should determine how the city allocates its
2 resources; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,
4 in recognition of her courage and vision, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the
5 Children’s Fund, honors Margaret Brodtkin as the “Mother of the Children’s Fund.”
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