

1 [Proclaiming National Diabetes Month.]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming the month of February 2004 as National Diabetes Month.**

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5 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a serious and growing epidemic in America, especially among
6 women; and

7 WHEREAS, One million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year; and,

8 WHEREAS, Minority women are at 2-4 times higher risk of developing diabetes; and,

9 WHEREAS, 1 in 20 women will develop diabetes while pregnant; and,

10 WHEREAS, More than 9 million American women have diabetes and three million of
11 them are not even aware of it; and,

12 WHEREAS, Women are more likely to develop diabetes than men and to experience
13 more serious complications, including heart disease and problems in pregnancy; and,

14 WHEREAS, Women with diabetes are more likely to have a heart attack and have it at
15 a younger age; and,

16 WHEREAS, Diabetes can lead to severe complications, including heart disease,
17 blindness, kidney failure, and lower-extremity amputations; and,

18 WHEREAS, Most people with diabetes die from heart attack or stroke; and,

19 WHEREAS, In the fight against diabetes, it is important that people increase their
20 awareness of the risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of
22 February 2004 as National Diabetes Month.