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5 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of strong and health communities; and,

6 WHEREAS, Twenty percent of the nation’s foster care youth live in California,

7 including the 2,366 who reside in San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, Nationally, eighty three percent of foster children are held back by the  
9 third grade, nearly fifty percent suffer from chronic health conditions, and a history of foster  
10 care correlates with becoming homeless at an earlier age and remaining homeless for a  
11 longer period of time; and,

12 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, approximately 116 youth will “age out”, or emancipate  
13 between October 2004and September 2005; and,

14 WHEREAS, More dedicated foster parents are needed to provide family care for  
15 children who cannot live with their parents; and,

16 WHEREAS, Although there are numerous individuals and public, private and nonprofit  
17 organizations that work to empower and support foster youth, it is the responsibility of the  
18 entire community to ensure that each youth who leaves the foster care system in California  
19 has a permanent connection with a caring adult; and,

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to youth engagement, empowerment, and  
21 leadership; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
23 recognizes the month of May 2005 as Foster Care Month.

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