

1 [Proclaiming August 2003 as Child Support Awareness Month in San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming August 2003 as Child Support Awareness Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**
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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Child Support Services has over
7 27,000 support cases, 30% of which represent families who are current recipients of public
8 assistance, serving almost 35,000 children in the City and County of San Francisco; and
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10 WHEREAS, In its mission to establish paternity, obtain child support orders, establish
11 orders for health insurance coverage, modify child support orders, enforce child support
12 orders and collect child support, the Department of Child Support Services is exceeded only
13 by the public school system in the number San Francisco's children that it serves; and

14 WHEREAS, Continuing child support services to children and their families assists in
15 reducing juvenile crime, teenage pregnancy, homeless children, children's poverty, welfare
16 dependency, and increases the standard of living of many families in our City; and

17 WHEREAS, A strong and efficient Department can deliver the above mentioned
18 services to help parents to meet their financial responsibilities, to provide them with an
19 opportunity to establish better parent-child relationships, thereby encouraging both parents to
20 share in rearing their children; and,

21 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to promoting a strong
22 independent Department of Child Support Services in providing child support services to all
23 residents, without charge; and,

24 WHEREAS, It is very important for all citizens and residents of San Francisco to know
25 about the needs of children and families and where child support services can help to

1 promote a safe, secure, and healthy environment for young children to be healthy and
2 productive future citizens of tomorrow; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Governor of California traditionally proclaims the month of August as
4 “Child Support Awareness Month; and,

5 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of child support is an important issue for all
6 residents in the City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 does hereby proclaim August 2003 as “Child Support Awareness Month” in the City and
9 County of San Francisco.

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