

1 [Declaring October 6, 2010, as Walk to School Day to Promote the Safety and Health of
2 Children]

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4 **Resolution declaring October 6, 2010, as Walk to School Day to promote the safety and**
5 **health of children in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities were to
8 take steps to prioritize pedestrian safety; and

9 WHEREAS, A lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity,
10 diabetes, and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to
11 school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

12 WHEREAS, Driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic
13 congestion and air pollution; and

14 WHEREAS, Parents and caregivers play an important role in teaching children about
15 pedestrian safety, becoming aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their
16 trip to school each day, and learning about the health and environmental risks related to
17 physical inactivity and air pollution; and

18 WHEREAS, Community members and leaders should develop a plan to make
19 immediate changes to enable children to walk and bicycle safely in our communities and
20 compile a list of suggestions for improvements that can be implemented over time; and

21 WHEREAS, Children, parents, and community leaders around the world are joining
22 together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities;
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24 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Challenge: Shape Up San Francisco and its partners,
25 including the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Department of

1 Children, Youth and Their Families, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the
2 Presidio YMCA, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition,
3 and the San Francisco Unified School District, have received funding to implement a Safe
4 Routes to School Program for the 2009 and 2010 school year to promote walking and biking
5 to school; and

6 WHEREAS, Bryant, Buena Vista, E. R. Taylor, El Dorado, Fairmount, Garfield, George
7 Peabody, George Washington Carver, Grattan, Leonard R. Flynn, Longfellow, Marshall, Ulloa,
8 Sunnyside, and Sunset Elementary Schools are promoting walking and biking through the
9 Safe Routes to School Program; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares October 6, 2010, as Walk to
11 School Day in the City and County of San Francisco and encourages everyone to consider
12 the safety and health of children today and everyday.

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