

1 [Lyme Disease Awareness Month - May 2011]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming May 2011 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a serious bacterial infection that is commonly transmitted
7 by infected ticks and is spreading everywhere in the world, including nationally, statewide and
8 locally; and

9 WHEREAS, There is an average of 39,000 new cases of Lyme disease were reported
10 in the United States last year; and

11 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that the
12 reported cases of Lyme disease are only 10 percent of the actual cases that meet surveillance
13 criteria; and

14 WHEREAS, The tick that spreads Lyme disease has been found in 56 out of
15 California's 57 counties; and

16 WHEREAS, Seven San Franciscans are known to have contracted Lyme disease since
17 1995 and co-infections from being bitten by infected ticks in the City with three reported to the
18 Department of Public Health; and

19 WHEREAS, If treated immediately and appropriately, Lyme disease can usually be
20 cured; and

21 WHEREAS, If untreated or misdiagnosed, Lyme disease can cause long-term health
22 problems, including neurological disorders, memory loss, muscle and joint pain, fatigue,
23 psychological disorders and, in some rare cases, can be fatal; and

24 WHEREAS, In the State of California, ticks are present throughout the year and we
25 must take precautions to protect humans and animals from tick bites all year long; and

1 WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized nationally and by the State of California
2 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 does hereby proclaim May 2011 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

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