

1 [Proclaiming November 20 to December 20<sup>th</sup> of each year as Survivor of Homicide Victims  
2 awareness Month in San Francisco]

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5 **Homicide Victims awareness Month in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Nearly 35,000 people are killed every year in the United States leaving  
8 family members, friends and neighbors grieving; and

9 WHEREAS, Survivors of homicide victims are confronted with overwhelming  
10 challenges to overcome, and often cling to simple memories to fill the void the lost of a  
11 relative or friend creates; and

12 WHEREAS, Given the tragedy of September 11, 2001, this observance is of greater  
13 importance because our institutions and our society are uncomfortable dealing with survivors  
14 of homicide victims; and,

15 WHEREAS, This yearly observance provides a platform where, as a city, we can learn  
16 how to better address families who have been brutally impacted by violence and to support  
17 the efforts of survivors who are informing our violence prevention and peacemaking  
18 movement; and,

19 WHEREAS, November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup> is a fitting time for this awareness  
20 because during the holiday season, survivors often experience overwhelming feelings of loss,  
21 grief and despair; and,

22 WHEREAS, The awareness will help to encourage survivors of homicide victims to  
23 associate the holidays season as a time to feel supported and strengthened for what they  
24 have survived through instead of resenting this season because of their losses; now,  
25 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 does hereby proclaim November 20 to December 20<sup>th</sup> of each year as Survivor of Homicide  
3 Victims awareness Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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