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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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Supervisor Sophie Maxwell , Dufty
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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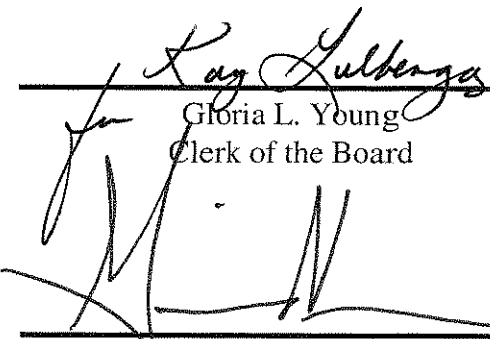April 12, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

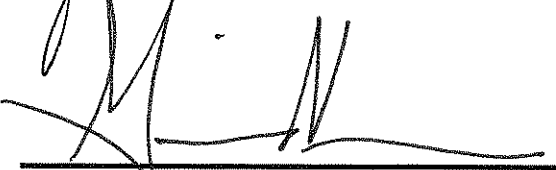Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 12, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

4/15/2005

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom