

1 [Lyme Disease Awareness Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 2009 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.**

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

8 WHEREAS, There is an average of 22,000 new cases of Lyme disease reported in the
9 United States each year; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Three San Franciscans have contracted Lyme disease and co-infections
16 from being bitten by infected ticks in the City in the past three years; and

17 WHEREAS, If treated immediately and appropriately, Lyme disease can usually be
18 cured; and

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

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

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

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 does hereby proclaim May 2009 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

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