

1 [Declaring October 2005 to be “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”]
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3 **Resolution declaring October 2005 to be “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in the**
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**
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6 WHEREAS, violence against women and girls in contemporary United States society is
7 pervasive, and all women and girls are potential targets of violence regardless of whether they
8 are rich or poor, disabled or able-bodied, heterosexual or lesbian, of a particular age, or a
9 member of a particular ethnic, cultural or religious group; and,

10 WHEREAS, domestic violence in America is intolerable and must be stopped; and,

11 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a problem of epidemic proportions in our country and
12 community; and,

13 WHEREAS, according to the 2000 National Crime Victimization Survey, almost
14 700,000 incidents of violence between partners were documented in our Nation, and
15 thousands more go unreported; and,

16 WHEREAS, domestic violence has been defined to include physical, emotional, sexual,
17 psychological, and/or financial abuse or control; and,

18 WHEREAS, Children who witness domestic violence often grow up believing that
19 physical cruelty in relationships is acceptable behavior, and thus they may tend to perpetuate
20 a cycle of violence in society; and,

21 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity
22 observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and,

23 WHEREAS, in October 1987 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was
24 observed; and,
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1 WHEREAS, in 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative
2 Legislation was passed by the United States Congress; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares October 2005 to be “Domestic
4 Violence Awareness Month ” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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