[Declaring October 6, 2010, as Walk to School Day to Promote the Safety and Health of Children]

Resolution declaring October 6, 2010, as Walk to School Day to promote the safety and health of children in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities were to take steps to prioritize pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, A lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, Driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Parents and caregivers play an important role in teaching children about pedestrian safety, becoming aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day, and learning about the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Community members and leaders should develop a plan to make immediate changes to enable children to walk and bicycle safely in our communities and compile a list of suggestions for improvements that can be implemented over time; and

WHEREAS, Children, parents, and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Challenge: Shape Up San Francisco and its partners, including the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Department of

Children, Youth and Their Families, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the Presidio YMCA, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, and the San Francisco Unified School District, have received funding to implement a Safe Routes to School Program for the 2009 and 2010 school year to promote walking and biking to school; and

WHEREAS, Bryant, Buena Vista, E. R. Taylor, El Dorado, Fairmount, Garfield, George Peabody, George Washington Carver, Grattan, Leonard R. Flynn, Longfellow, Marshall, Ulloa, Sunnyside, and Sunset Elementary Schools are promoting walking and biking through the Safe Routes to School Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares October 6, 2010, as Walk to School Day in the City and County of San Francisco and encourages everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and everyday.



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September 28, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar and

Maxwell

Excused: 1 - Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/28/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

vayor Gavin Newsom

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board