

1 [Elder Abuse Awareness Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 2005 to be “Elder Abuse Awareness Month” in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Elder abuse is a serious growing problem throughout California; and,

7 WHEREAS, Nearly 225,000 Californians are victims of elder abuse every year; and,

8 WHEREAS, It is estimated that only one in five cases of elder abuse are reported to
9 the authorities; and,

10 WHEREAS, Elder abuse levels are promised to rise as the elder population nearly
11 double over the next 20 years; and,

12 WHEREAS, Recognizing and identifying elder abuse is the first step in increasing
13 awareness that will lead to preventive measures against abuse; and,

14 WHEREAS, Elders have the right to live safely, whether in there home or in health care
15 facilities, and enjoy an optimal quality of life; and,

16 WHEREAS, Efforts by several organizations and legislative bodies are working to bring
17 about awareness of these abuses and are trying to increase protective measures so that elder
18 abuse shall diminish and not increase; now, therefore be it,

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares May 2005 to be “Elder Abuse
20 Awareness Month” in the City and County of San Francisco;

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