

1 [Supporting Day of Silence]

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3 **Resolution declaring April 13, 2005 as National Day of Silence in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) strives to ensure that
7 all schools are safe and inclusive for all students, staff and visitors, regardless of sexual
8 orientation or gender identity; and

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10 WHEREAS, National Day of Silence is an annual, student-led, day of action, and a
11 project of the Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) with the United States
12 Student Association (USSA); and

13 WHEREAS, Participants in National Day of Silence take a one day vow of silence as a
14 gesture of solidarity and support for LGBTQ people and their allies who have been 'silenced'
15 by fear of harassment, discrimination and violence; and

16 WHEREAS, Since first being observed by 150 students at the University of Virginia in
17 1996, National Day of Silence has become the largest student-led action whose goal is to
18 create safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender
19 expression; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 100,00 students, at over 2000 middle schools, high schools and
21 colleges in the US and abroad have participated in National Day of Silence events; and

22 WHEREAS, SFUSD's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) groups will be observing National
23 Day of Silence on April 13, 2005; and

24 WHEREAS, National Day of Silence activities include classroom and school wide
25 presentations, workshops and assemblies on other days during the same week that includes
the Day of Silence; now, be it therefore

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 Resolution declares April 13, 2005 as National Day of Silence in the City and County of San
3 Francisco; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors support the San Francisco
5 Unified School District student and staff participation in National Day of Silence on April 13,
6 2005 and in all associated educational and community building activities during that week;
7 and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares that all students who
9 inform their teachers that they have taken the Day of Silence vow, are hereby excused from
10 presenting any oral assignment, or from any verbal class participation on April 13, 2005,
11 without any possible academic penalty; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the use of effective
13 non-verbal teaching methodology on April 13, 2005 by teachers who take the Day of Silence
14 vow, so long as they make the reason for their alternative approach clear to their classes
15 before doing so.



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April 5, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 5, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

4/15/2005

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom