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Board Item No. 43

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Date May 18, 2010

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Completed by: Annette Lonich Date May 13, 2010

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**INTRODUCTION FORM**

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time Stamp or Meeting Date

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SANTA CRUZ  
2010 MAY 11 PM 2:04  
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I hereby submit the following item for introduction:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. For reference to Committee:  
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- X   2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Request for Committee hearing on a subject matter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires...".
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. City Attorney request.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Call file from Committee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Substitute Legislation File Nos.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Request for Closed Session
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a different form.]

Sponsor(s): Supervisor Alioto-Pier

SUBJECT: Declaring May 22, 2010 Martha Ryan Day

The text is listed below or attached:

Attached

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

*Supervisor Alioto-Pier*

For Clerk's Use Only:

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1 [Proclaiming Martha Ryan Day – May 22, 2010]  
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3 **Resolution honoring Martha Ryan, Executive Director of the Homeless Prenatal**  
4 **Program, on the 20th anniversary of the Homeless Prenatal Program and declaring May**  
5 **22, 2010 as Martha Ryan Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Martha Ryan has offered generations of women and children a way out of  
8 poverty; and

9 WHEREAS, In the 1980s, Ms. Ryan worked alongside doctors and nurses in the war-  
10 torn refugee camps of Somalia and the Sudan, treating epidemics of measles, meningococcal  
11 meningitis, hepatitis and cholera; and,

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan invited local women to be a part of relief efforts; by training  
13 female health workers to bring fellow refugees in for vaccinations, prophylactic treatments and  
14 education, Ms. Ryan blended culturally appropriate outreach efforts with western medicine in  
15 a sensitive and effective manner; and,

16 WHEREAS, As a result, the health workers earned respect and validation that their  
17 culture had previously denied them, having considered women “second class citizens;” and,

18 WHEREAS, After returning to the Bay Area, Ms. Ryan became a volunteer with the  
19 Hamilton Family Center, a San Francisco shelter; and,

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan worked as a volunteer nurse practitioner providing prenatal care  
21 for poor and homeless pregnant women who did not receive necessary care during their  
22 pregnancies, placing their health and the health of their babies at risk; and,

23 WHEREAS, Out of this experience, the Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP) was born;  
24 and,  
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1           WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan started HPP in 1989 with a part-time staff of three to ensure  
2 women had prenatal care to deliver healthy, normal weight and drug free babies; and,

3           WHEREAS, Seventy-two women received prenatal care in the first year; and,

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Ryan quickly realized that prenatal care alone could not ensure a  
5 lifetime of health for mothers and babies; and,

6           WHEREAS, The women who came to HPP experienced obstacles to personal and  
7 family stability that locked them in an intergenerational cycle of poverty and homelessness;  
8 barriers including domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness, child abuse, child  
9 custody issues, incarceration, and inadequate education, language, technology and job skills;  
10 and,

11           WHEREAS, Despite these obstacles and motivated by their pregnancies, HPP clients  
12 wanted to deliver a healthy baby and raise a healthy child; and,

13           WHEREAS, Because of Martha Ryan, for two decades now, she has made this  
14 possible; and,

15           WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, HPP evolved from focusing solely on prenatal  
16 care for mothers into a Family Resource Center with a broader, more holistic mission –  
17 breaking the cycle of childhood poverty; and,

18           WHEREAS, More than 3,000 families access HPP's services each year, with nearly  
19 200 families coming to HPP for the first time every month; and,

20           WHEREAS, Today, HPP offers services focused on housing, prenatal and parenting  
21 support, child development, family finances and stability, access to technology, domestic  
22 violence and substance abuse, family unifications, and emergency support of basic needs;  
23 now, therefore, be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 hereby commends Martha Ryan and the Homeless Prenatal Program on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary;  
3 and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares May 22, 2010 "Martha  
5 Ryan Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.

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