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1	[Firearm Suicide Prevention Day - September 12, 2023]
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3	Resolution retroactively recognizing September 12, 2023, to be Firearm Suicide
4	Prevention Day in remembrance of the lives lost to firearm suicide, acknowledgement
5	of the individuals, families, and communities who have been impacted, and to spread
6	awareness about the growing firearm suicide crisis.
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8	WHEREAS, On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, National Firearm Suicide
9	Prevention day was established by Brady and End Family Fire; and
10	WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety reports that access to a firearm triples
11	one's risk of death by suicide, a risk that extends to all individuals in a household, not
12	solely the gun owner; and
13	WHEREAS, Firearm suicide represents a preventable public health crisis that
14	can be addressed through meaningful legislation from our local, state, and federal levels
15	of government; and
16	WHEREAS, Implementing and enforcing safe storage and extreme risk
17	protection laws plays a vital role in reducing the incidence of gun violence, including
18	firearm suicides; and
19	WHEREAS, One study reveals that households securing both firearms and
20	ammunition witness a 78 percent reduction in self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85
21	percent decrease in unintentional firearm injuries among youth, compared to those who
22	secure neither; and
23	WHERAS, According to the National Library of Medicine, while 8.5 percent of
24	suicidal acts result in fatality nationwide, this statistic surges to an alarming 89.6 percent
25	mortality rate when a firearm is involved; and

1	WHEREAS, The Pew Research Center reports that suicides have consistently
2	accounted for more than half of the gun-related deaths in the United States; and
3	WHEREAS, Globally, the U.S. ranks second in firearm-related suicides, with over
4	44 percent of such suicides occurring with its borders in 2019; and
5	WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a rise in gun suicide rates across
6	various racial groups, disproportionately affecting young Black, Indigenous, and people
7	of color (BIPOC); and
8	WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, End Family Fire,
9	and Brady have tirelessly researched, advocated, litigated, and organized for more than
10	a decade to combat gun violence across the U.S., including gun suicides; now,
11	therefore, be it
12	RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby solemnly
13	designates September 12th to be Firearm Suicide Prevention Day, with the intention of
14	amplifying advocacy and illuminating an issue often veiled in stigma; and, be it
15	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
16	commends and supports the unwavering efforts of Moms Demand Action, Brady, End
17	Family Fire, and Everytown for Gun Safety in their quest to address this pressing crisis;
18	and, be it
19	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
20	urges individuals to stay informed, stay active, and spread awareness thereby
21	contributing to the cessation of firearm suicides.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Building Inspection Commission Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Stefani Subject: Retroactively recognizing September 12th, 2023 to be Firearm Suicide Prevention Day The text is listed: Resolution retroactively recognizing September 12th to be Firearm Suicide Prevention Day in remembrance of the lives lost to firearm suicide, acknowledgement of the individuals, families, and communities who have been impacted, and to spread awareness about the growing firearm suicide crisis.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Catherine Stefani

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