

1 [Joanne Pang Foundation.]
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3 **Resolution commending The Joanne Pang Foundation for its fundraising campaign**
4 **to create the first Northern California Umbilical Cord Blood Bank.**

5 WHEREAS, Umbilical cord blood is an incredibly rich source of stem cells which are
6 being used all over the world to successfully treat a host of diseases; and,
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8 WHEREAS, New parents are able to bank their babies' blood through private storage
9 companies, but at a prohibitive cost; and,

10 WHEREAS, Northern California has, up until this point, not had an Umbilical Cord
11 Blood Bank; and,

12 WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature recently
13 acknowledged the need to raise awareness and establish a system of non-profit public
14 umbilical cord blood banks in the state by signing and passing Assembly Bill 34 and Senate
15 Bill 962 into law on Oct. 11th; and,

16 WHEREAS, The racial diversity of the Bay Area makes San Francisco the ideal
17 location for a non-profit public umbilical cord blood bank; and,

18 WHEREAS, San Franciscan Joanne Pang might still be with us today had such an
19 institution been in place during her short life; and,

20 WHEREAS, In her memory, Mr. Joseph Pang, Joanne's father established the Joanne
21 Pang Foundation, and has taken on this incredible challenge of raising \$2.5 million to initiate
22 the first Northern California Umbilical Cord Blood Bank; now, therefore be it,

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 commends The Joanne Pang Foundation and wishes them much success in their fundraising
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1 efforts and shares their dream to build the first Northern California Umbilical Cord Blood Bank
2 here in San Francisco.

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