

1 [Mediation Week in San Francisco.]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 16th through 20th, 2009 as Mediation Week in San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Mediation is a collaborative dispute resolution process in which a neutral
7 third person facilitates communication between disputants to help them reach a mutually
8 acceptable agreement; and

9 WHEREAS, In an effort to improve relations among citizens and within neighborhoods
10 and families, many San Francisco citizens have turned to mediation and have had a positive
11 experience and beneficial outcome; and,

12 WHEREAS, Mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution have grown
13 exponentially as a result of their success in assisting disputants in resolving conflicts involving
14 civil, family, juvenile, probate and community matters over decades; and,

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Superior Court is sponsoring Mediation Week 2009
16 and is engaged in promoting the use of mediation and raising public consciousness about its
17 merits; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Governor and other California state and local officials and agencies
19 traditionally recognize the third week in March as Mediation Week, now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends
21 the efforts of those who work diligently to assist fellow citizens in addressing dispute
22 resolution needs; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
24 designates the week of March 16th through the 20th, 2009, as Mediation Week in San
25 Francisco.

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