

1 [Opposing Proposition 73.]

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3 **Resolution opposing Proposition 73, otherwise known as the “Parental Notification**
4 **and Child Protection Act.”**

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6 WHEREAS, The Parental Notification and Child Protection Act certified for the
7 November 8, 2005 California’s Special Election Ballot will amend the California Constitution to
8 bar abortion on an “unemancipated minor” until 48 hours after the physician notifies the
9 minor’s parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver; and,

10 WHEREAS, An “unemancipated minor” is defined as a “female under the age of 18
11 years who has not entered into a valid marriage and is not on active duty with the armed
12 services of the United States and has not received a declaration of emancipation under state
13 law;” and,

14 WHEREAS, Proposition 73 would restrict a women’s right to make important and
15 personal decisions about her body and health, and would jeopardize a woman’s access to
16 timely and confidential medical care and counseling; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes any proposed
18 restriction of a woman’s constitutional right to choose with regard to decisions about her body
19 and health; and,

20 WHEREAS, we believe this proposed law puts those vulnerable teenagers - those
21 who most need protection – in harm’s way; and,

22 WHEREAS, This initiative would not achieve the intended goal of promoting family
23 communication, but would instead increase the risk that a teenager dealing with an
24 unplanned pregnancy would be delayed in getting necessary medical attention to ensure her
25 safety and health; and,

1 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association, The California Academy of Family
2 Physicians, The California Medical Association, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice
3 California, the ACLU, and many other organizations as well as millions of concerned parents
4 all oppose Proposition 73; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 strongly opposes Proposition 73 and urges voters throughout the city and county of San
7 Francisco to join them in Voting NO on Proposition 73; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVDED. That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proclaims
9 October 2005 "Let's Talk Month" to promote family communication and real solutions for real
10 families in San Francisco to protect the health and wellness of San Francisco teens.

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