

1 [Supporting the Toxin-Free Babies and Toddlers Act]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to support Senate Bill (SB)**
4 **797, The Toxin-Free Babies and Toddlers Act.**
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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is
7 deeply concerned about the millions of babies and toddlers in California that are exposed
8 daily to the harmful toxin bisphenol A (BPA) because this hormone-disrupting chemical is
9 leaching into their food and drinks; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health are concerned that BPA exposure in
11 infants may lead to problems with brain development and behavior, early puberty, breast
12 cancer and prostate cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, New research suggests that BPA may interfere with metabolism and lead
14 to obesity, heart disease and diabetes; and

15 WHEREAS, Out of concern for children’s safety, Canada has banned the use of BPA in
16 baby bottles and is restricting use in infant formula cans; and

17 WHEREAS, Many U.S. companies have phased out BPA from their products and
18 major retailers have removed BPA-containing products from their store shelves; and

19 WHEREAS, BPA-free alternatives are affordable and widely available to parents; and

20 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of California to significantly reduce infants’ and
21 toddlers’ exposure to BPA as soon as possible, and to ultimately eliminate all exposure; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s Green Chemistry Initiative will not come to fruition soon
23 enough to protect the 550,000 babies born in California each year from the unnecessary
24 health risks posed by BPA; and
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1 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2008, The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution
2 authored by Supervisor Alioto-Pier calling upon San Francisco hospitals and retailers to help
3 reduce infant exposure to BPA by discontinuing the sale and distribution of baby bottles
4 containing BPA; and

5 WHEREAS, SB 797, The Toxin-Free Babies and Toddlers Act, would prohibit the
6 manufacture, sale, or distribution of the any bottle, cup, or liquid, food, or beverage in a can or
7 jar designed for children 3 and younger that contains more than 0.1 parts per billion (ppb) of
8 BPA; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports and endorses SB
10 797, The Toxin-Free Babies and Toddlers Act, and urges the California Assembly and Senate
11 to pass SB 797, and urges the Governor to sign SB 797 into law.

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