

1 [The Year of the Child - 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring 2013 as “The Year of the Child” in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, California is home to 9.5 million children, from infants and toddlers to
7 school-agers and teens who constitute the future of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 107,524 children in San Francisco making up over 18 percent of
9 the City’s population; and

10 WHEREAS, It is imperative that policymakers prioritize California’s children and
11 consider the impact of the legislation has on our children; and

12 WHEREAS, California voters approved Proposition 10 in 1998, investing First 5
13 California and 58 County First 5 Commissions with the responsibility to lead communities in
14 expanding early developmental and school readiness services and improving systems for
15 children ages zero to five and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, Each First 5 Commission, California State Preschool, and local Head Start
17 Program works in partnership with County Board of Supervisors and other public and non-
18 profit agencies to address the needs of children and their families, and

19 WHEREAS, California counties share this dedication to the general well-being of our
20 children, who cannot vote, lobby, or advocate, and are dependent on the adults of today for
21 their well-being; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins the California State
23 Association of Counties, First 5 Commissions, California State Preschools, Head Start
24 Programs, elected officials across the state, and community partners in recognizing the critical
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1 importance of providing adequate services to our children as we declare 2013 as “The Year of
2 the Child” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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