

1 [National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month 2003.]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 2003 as “ National Alcohol and Drug Addiction**
4 **Recovery Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, In the past twenty years medical science has made great strides in
7 learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and

8 WHEREAS, Addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain
9 chemistry disorders; and,

10 WHEREAS, Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic
11 medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and,

12 WHEREAS, It was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United
13 States is \$276 billion a year where everyday in every part of the United States, men, women,
14 and youth are entering into treatment and beginning the road to recovery and families are
15 seeking hope and recovery in support programs and counseling; and,

16 WHEREAS, The National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the
17 tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in
18 recovery, and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping
19 people recover from addiction; and,

20 WHEREAS, This year, the national campaign focuses attention on the problem of co-
21 occurring disorders that further complicate treatment and recovery and outlines the human,
22 social and economic costs of co-occurring disorders, and the toll they take on families,
23 communities and the nation by embracing the theme, “Join The Voices For Recovery:
24 Celebrating Health”; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues to support those public
2 and private agencies who provide services to those seeking recovery from alcohol and drug
3 addiction; and,

4 WHEREAS, Acknowledging September 2003 offers those involved in substance
5 abuse treatment an opportunity to educate the public, community organizations, public
6 officials and civic leaders about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial,
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 declares the month of September 2003 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery
10 Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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