

1 [San Francisco Nature Education Day]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 20, 2005 as San Francisco Nature Education Day.**

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5 WHEREAS, San Francisco Nature Education was founded by Nancy DeStefanis in
6 March of 2000; and,

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco Nature Education is a hands-on science program designed
8 for children in underserved schools; and,

9 WHEREAS, Currently four schools in the San Francisco Unified School District
10 participate; and,

11 WHEREAS, Many of the 1,000 children who participate each year in the San Francisco
12 Nature Education School Program are experiencing the delight of observing birds close-up
13 and the wonders of nature in our parks and open spaces for the first time and,

14 WHEREAS, Ms. DeStefanis and her volunteers visit kindergarten through second
15 grades in the classroom to teach students about the Bay Area's birds and she and her
16 volunteers also lead third through fifth grade classes on field trips to Stow Lake and Strybing
17 Arboretum; and,

18 WHEREAS, Each May San Francisco Nature Education sponsors a bird calling contest
19 in which students take the stage dressed as local birds, imitate their calls and perform skits
20 with cool facts about their bird, and this year marks the 4 year anniversary of this contest;
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco Nature Education's mission is to teach conservation and
23 develop leadership among youth and adults, now, therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco hereby declare May 20,
25 2005 as San Francisco Nature Education Day.