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Prepared by: Jocelyn Wong

Date: April 21, 2023

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Date: _____

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness
2 Week]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Robert Rivas, to designate the week of May 8 through May 13, 2023,**
5 **as 2023 Stuttering Awareness Week.**

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7 WHEREAS, Across the country the second week of May is recognized as Stuttering
8 Awareness Week; and

9 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a speech disorder characterized by repetition of sounds,
10 syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds, and interruptions in speech; and

11 WHEREAS, It is estimated about one percent of the world’s population stutters and
12 roughly three million Americans stutter; and

13 WHEREAS, Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and empowerment to children
14 and adults who stutter through support, education, and advocacy, have locations in San
15 Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Paul Castellano and Barbara Hubbard Koval, organized the drive to win
17 Congressional recognition for people who stutter, and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan
18 signed a proclamation establishing the second week in May 1988 as National Stuttering
19 Awareness Week; and

20 WHEREAS, Many stutterers suffer frustration and embarrassment that can lead to
21 harmful emotional stress; and

22 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a form of verbal diversity and should be recognized as simply
23 a different way of speaking; and

24 WHEREAS, When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person may have difficulty
25 communicating with other people and stuttering may affect a person’s quality of life,

1 interpersonal relationship, job opportunities, and professional growth; and

2 WHEREAS, During Stuttering Awareness Week, Proud Stutter Podcast seeks
3 to raise awareness about communication disorders and the many ways that people with the
4 daily challenges of stuttering can be supported; and

5 WHEREAS, Proud Stutter and stuttering advocates partnered with the San Francisco
6 Board of Supervisors to unanimously pass a Resolution declaring the City's first annual
7 Stuttering Awareness Week in 2022, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
8 No. 220520, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, San Franciscans who stutter appeared in stories featured in the San
11 Francisco Examiner, 48Hills, and KQED around Stuttering Awareness Week and stuttering
12 pride; and

13 WHEREAS, By recognizing the stuttering community, advocates and public officials
14 can draw attention to the needs, shine a light on these often invisible disabilities, and help
15 avoid the negative consequences of misunderstanding stuttering; and

16 WHEREAS, Many years of public advocacy campaigns, personal experiences, and
17 individuals or groups acting as informal ambassadors, have raised the awareness of both
18 speech disabilities and stuttering; and

19 WHEREAS, This involves awareness not only of individuals but also unique individual
20 needs and contributions; and

21 WHEREAS, As these campaigns have become more common, so too has public
22 awareness and acceptance; and

23 WHEREAS, The opportunity for full inclusion and community membership is the next
24 step in progress San Francisco must make to not only fully support and welcome the voices of
25 people who stutter but to also show their voices are needed; and

1 WHEREAS, A growing number of families in San Francisco have a family member with
2 a stutter and know that inclusion is a crucial element for their loved ones' future success; and

3 WHEREAS, This will increase and encourage public participation at the local and state
4 government level; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby supports Assembly
6 Resolution, Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) No. 59 (Rivas) to designate the week of
7 May 8, through May 13, 2023, as 2023 Stuttering Awareness Week in California; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will work to
9 support the stuttering community at the local, regional and state level and will encourage
10 residents of San Francisco to participate in California's Stuttering Awareness Week activities;
11 and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and
13 County of San Francisco transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco's State
14 Legislative Delegation, City and County of San Francisco State Lobbyist, California Governor
15 Gavin Newsom and the Bill's primary sponsor Assembly Member Robert Rivas.

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 59

Introduced by Assembly Member Robert Rivas

April 13, 2023

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 59—Relative to stuttering awareness week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 59, as introduced, Robert Rivas. Stuttering Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 8, 2023, to May 13, 2023, inclusive, as 2023 Stuttering Awareness Week.

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1 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a speech dysfluency characterized by
2 repetition of sounds, syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds,
3 and interruptions in speech; and

4 WHEREAS, It is estimated that about 1 percent of the world’s
5 population stutters and roughly 3,000,000 Americans stutter; and

6 WHEREAS, Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and
7 empowerment to children and adults who stutter through support,
8 education, and advocacy have locations throughout California;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Castellano and Barbara Hubbard Koval
11 organized the drive to win Congressional recognition for people
12 who stutter, and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan signed a
13 proclamation establishing the second week in May 1988 as
14 National Stuttering Awareness Week; and

15 WHEREAS, Many stutters feel frustration and embarrassment
16 that can lead to harmful emotional stress; and

1 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a form of verbal diversity and should
2 be recognized as simply a different way of speaking; and

3 WHEREAS, When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person
4 may have difficulty communicating with other people and stuttering
5 may affect a person's quality of life, interpersonal relationships,
6 job opportunities, and professional growth; and

7 WHEREAS, During National Stuttering Awareness Week, many
8 seek to raise awareness about communication disorders and the
9 many ways that people with the daily challenges of stuttering can
10 be supported; and

11 WHEREAS, By recognizing these challenges we can draw
12 attention to the needs of persons who stutter, shine a light on these
13 often invisible disabilities, and help avoid the negative
14 consequences of misunderstanding stuttering; and

15 WHEREAS, Many years of public advocacy campaigns,
16 personal experiences, and individuals or groups acting as informal
17 ambassadors has raised the awareness of both speech disabilities
18 and stuttering; and

19 WHEREAS, Raising awareness of speech disabilities and
20 stuttering involves awareness not only of individuals but also
21 unique individual needs and contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, As stuttering awareness campaigns have become
23 more common, so too has public awareness and acceptance; and

24 WHEREAS, Progress towards awareness and acceptance is to
25 be both celebrated and built upon; and

26 WHEREAS, The opportunity for inclusiveness is the next logical
27 step in the progress California must make to not only fully support
28 and welcome the voices of people who stutter but to also show
29 their voices are needed; and

30 WHEREAS, A growing number of families in California have
31 a family member with a stutter and know that inclusion is a crucial
32 element for their loved ones' future success; and

33 WHEREAS, This proclamation will increase and encourage
34 public participation at the local and state government level; now,
35 therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the*
38 *week of May 8, 2023, to May 13, 2023, inclusive, as 2023*
39 *Stuttering Awareness Week and encourages all Californians to*
40 *support the stuttering community; and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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From: [Smeallie, Kyle \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [PEARSON, ANNE \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: RE: Preston - Resolution - Supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness Week
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:45:31 PM
Attachments: [20230ACR59_99.pdf](#)
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Hi Lisa,

Attached is a PDF of the bill.

Confirming CSAC and the League of California Cities have not taken a position.

Confirming confirm that these matters are routine, not contentious in nature, and of no special interest.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Preston - Resolution - Supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness Week

Thanks Kyle,

Pursuant to [Board Rule 2.8.2](#), please provide the following to complete this submission:

- a copy of State Assembly Resolution No. 59
- confirm that organizations such as the [California State Association of Counties](#) and [League of California Cities](#) have *not* taken a position on these bills. If they have, please provide a copy of their statement for completeness of the file
- since the item is requested to be placed on the For Adoption Without Committee Reference of the agenda, pursuant to Board Rule 2.1.2, please confirm that these matters are routine, not contentious in nature, and of no special interest

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Subject: Preston - Resolution - Supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness Week

Good afternoon,

Attached please find a resolution that Supervisor Preston is introducing today, supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness Week.

The signed Introduction Form is attached as well.

Let me know if you need anything else from our office.

Thanks!

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor [] inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on []

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Preston; Ronen, Dorsey, Melgar, Peskin, Chan

Subject:

Supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59 (Rivas) - Stuttering Awareness Week

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Resolution No. 59, introduced by Assembly Member Robert Rivas, to designate the week of May 8, through May 13, 2023, as 2023 Stuttering Awareness Week.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

