

1 [School Children's Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month.]

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3 Resolution proclaiming the month of September as School Children's Pedestrian Safety  
4 Awareness.

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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco with the State  
7 and SF PTA and with support of other pedestrian safety advocacy groups, recognizes the critical  
8 importance of developing safer school communities, safety educational outreach programs, and  
9 implementing Safe Routes to and from School for pedestrians who are school children, parents, and  
10 communities; and

11 WHEREAS, The need for traffic engineering, new safety technologies, education outreach,  
12 and the enforcement of safe driving laws are recognized by safety experts as vital to improving safe  
13 routes to and from schools by reducing hazards and increasing student, community, and motorist  
14 awareness; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco, as with other cities, has experienced significant injury and deaths to  
16 its most vulnerable populations of school children, seniors, and the disabled, with recent data showing  
17 that California ranked 12th highest in the nation in child pedestrian vs. vehicle fatalities and serious  
18 injuries for children 5-12 years old, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association results  
19 showing that 43% of school age pedestrian fatalities occur between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and

20 WHEREAS, Safety studies have identified key school pedestrian and traffic safety issues  
21 including (1) unsafe routes to school, (2) speeding/reckless driving in school zones, (3) unsafe parking  
22 and drop off/pickup practices, (4) school bus loading zone conflicts and double parking, (5) unclear  
23 school area signs and crosswalks with low visual impact and recognition, (6) poorly maintained/faded  
24 crosswalks and signs (7) utility construction and street/public works hazards, (8) inadequate crossing

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1 guard program funding, (9) lack of sustainable school safety education/staff training, (10) inconsistent  
2 enforcement and parking control intervention; and

3 WHEREAS, September is the official start of the school year for our city's public, private, and  
4 parochial schools where greatly increased traffic and pedestrian safety risks for school children further  
5 reinforce the critical need for implementing comprehensive school safety improvements, training  
6 programs, operational procedures, educational and enforcement presence and legislation; now, therefore  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of  
9 September as School Children's Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month for promoting pedestrian and  
10 driver awareness of school children and creating safer routes to and from school and after school  
11 activities for our city's children; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Department of  
13 Parking and Traffic Enforcement Division, San Francisco Police Department, and School Boards and  
14 Administrators to increase participation with the PTA/PTO and its unit's school safety/site committees  
15 and to work with parents, students, teachers, local law enforcement, other appropriate agencies and their  
16 school communities to improve traffic and pedestrian safety for children, to develop site specific  
17 loading logistic plans, and identify and improve, where necessary, safe routes to and from schools; and  
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges school boards,  
20 superintendents, elected officials and other policy-makers to support local and state efforts to, (1)  
21 reduce traffic and pedestrian safety problems/hazards for children, (2) increase motorist and pedestrian  
22 awareness by using the latest technological improvements in signs, crosswalk design, pavement  
23 markings and traffic control devices, and (3) implement policies in a systematic and uniform manner  
24 for all of San Francisco's schools to address traffic/pedestrian safety education and enforcement; and be  
25 it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Parking and Traffic and  
2 the San Francisco Police Department work in partnership with schools, community organizations, city,  
3 state, and appropriate federal agencies to allocate appropriate educational and enforcement resources in  
4 and around school sites/zones to create a safer environment for all of San Francisco's school children;  
5 and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors expresses its continued  
7 appreciation of the San Francisco PTA's role in school children's safety advocacy and pursuing viable  
8 solutions to those issues by developing comprehensive procedures and policies promoting the health  
9 and safety welfare of all the city's school children.

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August 27, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,  
Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 2 - Daly, Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on August 27, 2001 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.