

1 [Volunteer Blood Donor Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring January 2005 to be “Volunteer Blood Donor Month” in the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, 4.5 million Americans would die each year without life saving blood
7 transfusions; and,

8 WHEREAS, Californians need more than 1.5 million pints of donated blood a year;
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10 WHEREAS, In the Bay Area, local patients need 800 pints of blood daily; and,

11 WHEREAS, One pint of donated blood can save as many as three people’s lives; and,

12 WHEREAS, Approximately sixty (60) percent of the population is eligible to donate
13 blood, but less than five (5) percent do so on a regular basis; and,

14 WHEREAS, Anyone who is in good health, is at least seventeen (17) years of age and
15 weighs at least one hundred and ten (110) pounds may donate blood every fifty-six (56)
16 days; and,

17 WHEREAS, Donated blood is needed throughout the year, but hospitals throughout
18 Northern California have started 2005 with a deficit of much-needed blood, particularly those
19 types with negative Rh factors; now, therefore be it,

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares January 2005 to be “Volunteer
21 Blood Donor Month” in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages those citizens in
23 good health to donate blood to help save lives and replenish local supplies in this time of
24 need.

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