

1 [Declaring May 6th, 2003 as World Asthma Day in San Francisco.

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5 WHEREAS, in California, asthma is one of the most common chronic conditions in
6 children and is a leading cause of hospital admissions and school absences; it continues to
7 be a chronic respiratory illness of enormous public health significance and affects thousands
8 of residents living in the city; and,

9 WHEREAS, our scientific understanding of asthma has dramatically improved in
10 recent years; researchers understand more about the environmental and social risk factors
11 for asthma and self-management programs have been developed allowing patients and their
12 families to better understand asthma; and,

13 WHEREAS, despite this new understanding, asthma prevalence and death rates have
14 increased over the last two decades and asthma remains a major public health problem
15 especially in disadvantaged populations; and,

16 WHEREAS, a collaborative of community advocates, community based organizations,
17 the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Unified School District and
18 community hospitals and environmental advocates have consistently met to research and
19 develop programs to implement the best practices for asthmatics living in San Francisco; and,

20 WHEREAS, the creation of a formal city wide Asthma Task Force is a direct result of
21 collaborative efforts that will further promote the health and well-being of San Francisco
22 residents; and,

23 WHEREAS, the citywide Asthma Task Force strategic plan will provide
24 recommendations for policy changes that will improve health for all residents of San
25 Francisco, especially people with asthma; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco do hereby proclaim May 6th
2 2003,as World Asthma Day in San Francisco.
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