

1 [Encouraging Churches, Synagogues and Temples in San Francisco to Engage in a
2 Coordinated Tolling of Bells to Call Attention to the Need for an Effective Suicide Barrier on
3 the Golden Gate Bridge.]

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5 **engage in a coordinated tolling of bells to call attention to the need for an effective**
6 **suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Bridge has been the site of over 1,200 suicides since it
9 opened in 1937; and

10 WHEREAS, The suicide rate from the Golden Gate Bridge has been about two per
11 month for the last forty years; and,

12 WHEREAS, May 28 is the 69th anniversary of the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge,
13 and the week of that anniversary will feature special events organized by the Psychiatric
14 Foundation of Northern California to highlight the suicide problem and encourage the Golden
15 Gate Bridge District to construct an effective suicide barrier on file with the Clerk of the Board
16 of Supervisors; and,

17 WHEREAS, Many religious communities in San Francisco have expressed concern
18 about the suicide problem on the Bridge and their expression of concern has, in the past,
19 been in the form of a coordinated tolling of bells in churches, synagogues and temples
20 throughout San Francisco; and

21 WHEREAS, the Psychiatric Foundation of Northern California has offered to facilitate a
22 coordinated tolling of bells at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 to once again call
23 attention to the need for a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge; and,

24 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have officially called for a suicide
25 barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge to protect the public's health and safety and urged the

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1 Golden Gate Bridge Board of Directors to proceed rapidly with the design and construction of
2 such a barrier; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages all churches,
4 synagogues and temples in San Francisco to once again engage in a coordinated tolling of
5 bells to call attention to the need for an effective suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge;
6 and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, the bells
8 should be rung 12 times in memory of the 1,200 individuals who have perished at the Bridge.

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