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5 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of strong and health communities; and,

6 WHEREAS, Twenty percent of the nation's foster care youth live in California,
7 including the 2,366 who reside in San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, Nationally, eighty three percent of foster children are held back by the
9 third grade, nearly fifty percent suffer from chronic health conditions, and a history of foster
10 care correlates with becoming homeless at an earlier age and remaining homeless for a
11 longer period of time; and,

12 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, approximately 241 youth will "age out", or emancipate
13 between November 2003 and October 2004; and,

14 WHEREAS, More dedicated foster parents are needed to provide family care for
15 children who cannot live with their parents; and,

16 WHEREAS, Although there are numerous individuals and public, private and nonprofit
17 organizations that work to empower and support foster youth, it is the responsibility of the
18 entire community to ensure that each youth who leaves the foster care system in California
19 has a permanent connection with a caring adult; and,

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to youth engagement, empowerment, and
21 leadership; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 recognizes the month of May 2004 as Foster Care Month.



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May 25, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval


Excused: 1 - Hall

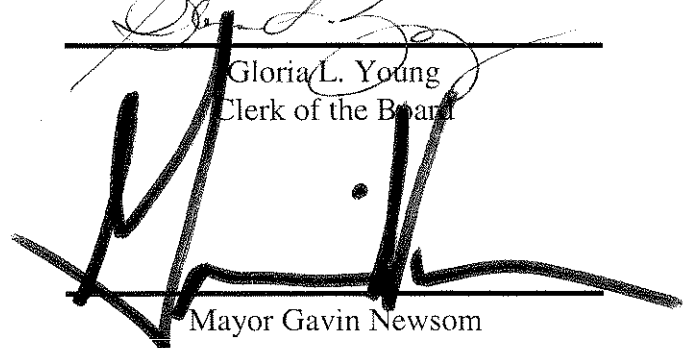
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on May 25, 2004 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Gavin Newsom