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Resolution recognizing September 22, 2010, as "Please Don't Jump" Day and urging

[Recognizing September 22, 2010, as "Please Don't Jump" Day to Promote Suicide

the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District staff and Board of Directors to continue its efforts to expeditiously construct a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge.

WHEREAS, 85,000 Californians make suicide attempts each year, and nine Californians die each day from suicide, and 30 San Francisco Bay Area residents jump off the Golden Gate Bridge each year; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,300 people have jumped to their deaths since the bridge opened in 1937; and

WHEREAS, When people die by suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge it takes an enormous toll on surviving families, friends and the community, including rescue workers, hospital staff, coroners and police officers; and

WHEREAS, After more than 70 years of debate and more than 1,300 lives lost, it is time to build a suicide prevention barrier to prevent these deaths; and

WHEREAS. The founders of 1-800-SUICIDE, PostSecret, Bridge Rail Foundation and the band Blue October, have created the "Please Don't Jump" suicide prevention event to raise awareness about the public health problem and solutions that are available to everyone in San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Over 100,000 Californians and supporters of the Please Don't Jump site have sent letters of support that a barrier be built on the Golden Gate Bridge to send a message to all Californians, and to all peoples of the world, that as a people, a State and a

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nation, we will do all in our power to prevent suicide on this national landmark and international icon; and

WHEREAS, A barrier would reduce suicides by giving individuals something they desperately need – time; time to change their minds, time for someone to intervene and time to seek help; and

WHEREAS, In a recent study, 515 individuals who were thwarted from attempting suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge only six percent of these individuals later died by suicide.

WHEREAS, In recognition that an effective barrier would reduce suicides and the subsequent media coverage, thus helping to remove the allure of the Golden Gate Bridge as suicide magnet while effectively reducing the stigma attached to suicide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco recognize September 22, 2010 as "Please Don't Jump" Day to raise awareness about suicide prevention and the public health solutions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District staff and Board of Directors to continue its efforts to expeditiously construct a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the office of Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

## INTRODUCTION FORM

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Sponsor(s): Supervisor David Campos, David Chin, Bevan Dufty
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