

1 [National Stuttering Awareness Week - May 9 through 14, 2022]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming May 9 through May 14, 2022, as the Annual National Stuttering**
4 **Awareness Week in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Across the country the second week of May is recognized as Stuttering
7 Awareness Week; and

8 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a speech disorder characterized by repetition of sounds,
9 syllables, or words, prolongation of sounds, and interruptions in speech; and

10 WHEREAS, It is estimated about one percent of the world's population stutters and
11 roughly three million Americans stutter; and

12 WHEREAS, Organizations dedicated to bringing hope and empowerment to children
13 and adults who stutter through support, education, and advocacy, have locations in San
14 Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, Paul Castellano and Barbara Hubbard Koval, organized the drive to win
16 Congressional recognition for people who stutter, and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan
17 signed a proclamation establishing the second week in May 1988 as National Stuttering
18 Awareness Week; and

19 WHEREAS, Many stutterers suffer frustration and embarrassment that can lead to
20 harmful emotional stress; and

21 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a form of verbal diversity and should be recognized as simply
22 a different way of speaking; and

23 WHEREAS, When stuttering continues into adulthood, a person may have difficulty
24 communicating with other people and stuttering may affect a person's quality of life,
25 interpersonal relationship, job opportunities, and professional growth; and

1 WHEREAS, During National Stuttering Awareness Week, Proud Stutter Podcast seeks
2 to raise awareness about communication disorders and the many ways that people with the
3 daily challenges of stuttering can be supported; and

4 WHEREAS, By recognizing these challenges, we can draw attention to the needs,
5 shine a light on these often invisible disabilities, and help avoid the negative consequences of
6 misunderstanding stuttering; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby proclaims May 9
8 through May 15, 2022, as the National Annual Stuttering Awareness Week in San Francisco;
9 and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will work to
11 support the stuttering community at the local, regional and state level and will encourage
12 residents of San Francisco to participate in National Stuttering Awareness Week activities.

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