

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

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

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

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

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



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

File Number: 220520

Date Passed: May 10, 2022

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May 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220520

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/10/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

5/20/2022
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Clerk of the Board

5/20/2022
Date