

1 [Family Service Agency Day - February 17, 2011]

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3 **Resolution declaring February 17, 2011, as Family Service Agency Day to**  
4 **recognize its 121 year legacy of reform, innovation and concern for the most**  
5 **vulnerable of San Francisco's residents.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Family Service Agency of San Francisco (FSA-SF) was founded in  
8 1889 and as the city's first general, nonsectarian relief organization, has a long history  
9 of caring for San Franciscans from all walks of life; and

10 WHEREAS, FSA-SF has for over 120 years provided heroic service to the City of  
11 San Francisco and its most vulnerable residents; and

12 WHEREAS, FSA-SF has throughout those 120 years been the most important  
13 safety net and social conscience of the City as evidenced by its innumerable reforms  
14 and innovations including in 1889, leading the effort to create a more centralized and  
15 coordinated system of public relief with only two staff members, known as the "Hearst  
16 nurse" and the "Crocker nurse;" and in 1903, in response to the tragically high mortality  
17 rates for infants in the San Francisco Foundling Asylum, developing the first foster  
18 home system in California. Hailed as a great success, the innovation helped San  
19 Francisco develop the lowest infant mortality rate of any city of its size in the world;

20 WHEREAS, in 1906, leading the City's earthquake relief effort, by establishing  
21 camps, connecting loved ones, and creating the first employment program in the Nation;  
22 and in 1922, organizing the Community Chest, a forerunner to the United Way and the  
23 United Bay Area Crusade, in San Francisco; and in 1943, developing the first Mother's  
24 Aid Program, a forerunner to TAPP, FSA/SF's current program for teenage parents;  
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1 WHEREAS, additionally in 1955, leading the City's poverty relief efforts, FSA is  
2 awarded the first government contract to train the poor for employment; and finally in  
3 1971, developing the Infant Care Program, which mainstreams special-needs children,  
4 as a demonstration project at Saint Luke's Hospital, this program being the seed  
5 establishing FSA's current Family Developmental Center, the largest mainstreamed  
6 child development center in the City; and

7 WHEREAS, FSA-SF has continued the tradition of reform and innovation  
8 established by FSA's founder Kitty Felton and in the last decade has been continuously  
9 expanding its contributions to the City of San Francisco as evidenced by establishing  
10 the Felton Institute in 2006, establishing the Prevention and Recovery from Early  
11 Psychosis (PREP) program in partnership with University of California at San Francisco  
12 in 2007, a program that has proven so successful that other counties are seeking FSA  
13 to replicate it in their communities, and finally in 2007, establishing the Over 60 program  
14 with funding from the National Institute of Mental Health which developed a new model  
15 for treating seniors suffering from depression; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, that out of recognition for its 121 year legacy of reform, innovation  
17 and concern for the most vulnerable of our residents, the Board of Supervisors of the  
18 City and County of San Francisco commends FSA-SF's service to the people of San  
19 Francisco, and does hereby declare Thursday, February 17th, 2011 as Family Service  
20 Agency Day in San Francisco.