

1 [Recognizing Edgewood’s 175th Anniversary - Edgewood Day - March 3, 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the 175th anniversary of Edgewood and proclaiming March 3,**
4 **2026 as Edgewood Day in the City and County of San Francisco in recognition of**
5 **Edgewood’s historic contributions to youth mental health, family support, and**
6 **community well-being.**

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8 WHEREAS, Edgewood, founded originally as the San Francisco Orphan Asylum in
9 1851 during the Gold Rush, is San Francisco’s first children’s services agency and the oldest
10 children’s nonprofit in the Western United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Edgewood was established by a group of women who came together to
12 care for children left without parents, demonstrating women’s leadership in social reform long
13 before women had the right to vote; and

14 WHEREAS, These early founders raised funds, oversaw operations, and set a vision
15 that placed children’s welfare at the center of community life, creating an enduring institution
16 grounded in compassion and responsibility; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Edgewood evolved from an orphanage to a residential
18 treatment provider and ultimately to a comprehensive, community-based youth mental
19 healthcare organization; and

20 WHEREAS, As San Francisco’s neighborhoods and needs changed, Edgewood
21 championed innovative approaches that kept children connected to their families, schools,
22 and communities while advancing dignity, healing, and long-term well-being; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, Edgewood provides crisis stabilization, residential services, school-
24 and community-based care, outpatient therapy, and intensive case management to more than

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1 4,000 youth, young adults, and caregivers each year across San Francisco and San Mateo
2 counties; and

3 WHEREAS, Edgewood’s workforce continues to be powered and informed by women
4 leaders, caregivers, and professionals who carry forward the organization’s longstanding
5 commitment to service and equity; and

6 WHEREAS, For 175 years, San Franciscans have turned to Edgewood during times of
7 crisis and change, including pandemics, economic hardship, social movements, and the
8 ongoing youth mental health crisis; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 recognizes and celebrates the 175th anniversary of Edgewood and its enduring legacy of
11 service to children, youth, and families; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 3,
13 2026 as “Edgewood Day” in the City and County of San Francisco in recognition of
14 Edgewood’s historic contributions to youth mental health, family support, and community well-
15 being; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms the City and County
17 of San Francisco’s commitment to advancing youth mental health, supporting families, and
18 honoring the institutions that strengthen the lives of future generations.

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