

1 [Walk to School Day - October 5, 2011]

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3 **Resolution declaring October 5, 2011, as Walk to School Day in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco to promote the safety and health of San Francisco children.**

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6 WHEREAS, Hundreds of children’s lives could be saved each year nationally by taking
7 steps to make pedestrian safety a priority; and,

8 WHEREAS, A lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity,
9 diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to walk or bicycle to
10 school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and,

11 WHEREAS, Driving students to school by private vehicle worsens traffic, pedestrian
12 safety, air pollution, and climate change; and,

13 WHEREAS, An important role for parents and caregivers is to protect children from the
14 health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution and encourage
15 active transportation; and,

16 WHEREAS, Community members and leaders should make a plan to make immediate
17 changes to enable children to safely walk and bicycle in our communities and develop a list of
18 longer-term improvements as well; and,

19 WHEREAS, Children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining
20 together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities;
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22 WHEREAS, Shape Up San Francisco and its partners, including Department of Public
23 Health, the SF Municipal Transportation Agency, the Presidio YMCA, SF Bicycle Coalition,
24 SF Environment, SF Unified School District, and Walk San Francisco have secured funding to
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1 implement a Safe Routes to School Program for the 2011 and 2012 school years to promote
2 walking and biking to school; and,

3 WHEREAS, 15 public elementary schools in San Francisco—Buena Vista, E.R. Taylor,
4 El Dorado, Fairmount, Garfield, George Peabody, Grattan, G.W. Carver, Leonard R. Flynn,
5 Longfellow, Marshall, Monroe, Ulloa, Sunset, and Sunnyside—are promoting walking and
6 biking through the Safe Routes to School program; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares October 5, 2011, as Walk to
8 School Day in the City and County of San Francisco and encourages everyone to support
9 children’s ability to walk safely in our city.

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