

1 [Financial Aid Awareness Week - January 16-22, 2012]

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3 **Resolution declaring January 16 through January 22, 2012, as Financial Aid Awareness**  
4 **Week in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Higher education is the key to a successful future for students in San  
7 Francisco; and

8 WHEREAS, The ability of many students to attend an institution of higher education is  
9 based on their ability to secure financial assistance; and

10 WHEREAS, An awareness of financial aid by students before their senior year of high  
11 school underscores the notion that a post secondary education is attainable; and,

12 WHEREAS, The cost of higher education continues to rise for private, public, for-profit,  
13 and community colleges and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, Students and families in San Francisco are making important decisions  
15 about financing their education at an institution of higher education; and

16 WHEREAS, Efforts to increase awareness about student financial aid options are  
17 necessary for students in San Francisco to receive all of the financial aid available to them;  
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19 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
20 (FAFSA) ensures that more eligible students may benefit from federal financial assistance;  
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22 WHEREAS, Students must complete and submit a new FAFSA each school year to be  
23 considered for all forms of federal financial aid; and

24 WHEREAS, Increasing access to federal financial aid helps reduce students' reliance  
25 on costly private loans; and

1           WHEREAS, Financial Aid Awareness Week will help bring attention to the critical role  
2 financial assistance plays in helping students seeking a higher education; and

3           WHEREAS, from January 16 through January 22, 2012, the Mission Economic  
4 Development Agency, in partnership with Mission Graduates, Juma Ventures, the San  
5 Francisco Education Fund, Mission High School, Marshall High School, Burton High School,  
6 John O'Connell High School, College Connect, Seven Tepees Youth Program, Mission SF  
7 Youth Credit Program, the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office and other organizations  
8 throughout San Francisco, is supporting a week long campaign to educate students and  
9 families about and assist them in the early completion of the FAFSA; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares January 16, 2012  
11 through January 22, 2012 Financial Aid Awareness Week; and, be it

12          FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of community  
13 based organizations across the city to educate students and families about and assist them in  
14 the early completion of the FAFSA; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors requests that the Clerk of the  
16 Board of Supervisors send a copy of this resolution to the San Francisco Unified School  
17 District and the San Francisco Board of Education.