

1 [Financial Aid Awareness Week - February 4-10, 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring February 4, 2013, through February 10, 2013, Financial Aid**
4 **Awareness 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 February 4, 2013 through February 10, 2013, the Mission Economic
4 Development Agency, in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, Mission
5 Graduates, Cash for College, Juma Ventures, the San Francisco Education Fund, Seven
6 Tepees Youth Program, College Connect and other organizations throughout San Francisco,
7 is supporting a week long campaign to educate students and families about and assist them
8 in the early completion of the FAFSA; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares February 4, 2013
10 through February 10, 2013 Financial Aid Awareness Week in the City and County of San
11 Francisco; 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.

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