

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 837 - Kindergarten Readiness Act]

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3 **Resolution expressing support for Senate Bill 837, the Kindergarten Readiness Act.**

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5 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that investing in early education is highly effective in
6 increasing high school graduation and college attendance, decreasing crime, and building a
7 stronger economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Only half of California low-income preschool-aged children are served in
9 State Preschool or Head Start, and only one quarter of all children are eligible for the current
10 transitional kindergarten program; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Kindergarten Readiness Act makes one year of voluntary, high quality
12 transitional kindergarten available to every 4 year old in California; and

13 WHEREAS, The Kindergarten Readiness Act combines the best quality standards from
14 current transitional kindergarten and State Preschool, creating a model that results in
15 sustainable gains in school performance; and

16 WHEREAS, The Kindergarten Readiness Act allows existing federal and state
17 preschool funds to be focused on additional early care and education programs for low-
18 income 3 and 4 year olds, giving them an added boost where they need it most; and

19 WHEREAS, The Kindergarten Readiness Act will not take away any funds from
20 existing state-contracted child development providers; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby supports Senate Bill 837 (SB 837);
22 and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our state representatives
24 to support the Kindergarten Readiness Act when it comes before California State Legislature,
25 and urges the Governor to sign SB 837 into law; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Clerk
2 of the Board to transmit a copy of the resolution to the California State Legislature.

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