

1 [Commendation to Honor The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Annual “Out of
2 the Darkness” Community Walk Fundraiser.]

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4 **Resolution commending The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Annual**
5 **“Out of the Darkness” Community Walk Fundraiser.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, Suicide is a major health problem that takes an enormous toll on family,
8 friends, co-workers and the entire community; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, With more than 30,000 lives lost and almost 1 million suicide attempts
10 each year in this country, the importance of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s
11 (AFSP’s) mission has never been greater, nor the work more urgent; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, Ninety percent of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable
13 mental health disorder (often depression) at the time of their death; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, In the U.S. alone, approximately 20 million people suffer from serious
15 depression and the lingering stigma attached to seeking help for mental health issues may be
16 a contributing factor to undiagnosed depression; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, As one of over 40 community walks taking place across the country, the
18 event will help fund AFSP’s ongoing efforts with research, education and prevention initiatives
19 designed to reduce the loss of life from suicide as well as provide support for survivors; and,

20 **WHEREAS**, Crissy Field in San Francisco will be the site for the annual signature
21 fundraising event undertaken by AFSP and its affiliated chapters on October 29, 2006; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors commends and honors The American
24 Foundation for Suicide Prevention on the annual “Out of the Darkness” Community Walk
25 Fundraiser.