

1 [CESP Day.]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming December 10th, 2006, as CESP Day in San Francisco.**

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5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the Center for Elderly
6 Suicide Prevention and Grief Related Services (CESP), and Dr. Patrick Arbore, for his work
7 with depressed, lonely and suicidal seniors in San Francisco; and

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9 WHEREAS, CESP is in its 25th year of operation and is the first program of its kind in
10 the United States; and

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12 WHEREAS, CESP has gained national recognition for its innovative programs, and
13 serves more than 30,000 depressed, suicidal, ill and lonely seniors annually; and

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15 WHEREAS, adults 60 years of age and over have the highest rate of suicide in this
16 country; and

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18 WHEREAS, CESP operates a 24-hour crisis line called the Friendship Line, for older
19 adults or their advocates that focuses on the immediate issues of depression, grief, suicidal
20 thoughts, abuse, chronic pain or loneliness is the only service of this kind in the United States;
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23 WHEREAS, CESP also provides telephone calls to older clients who are identified as
24 at-risk for severe depression or suicidal behavior, and does face-to-face counseling visits and
25 grief counseling; and

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27 WHEREAS, 8,000 hours are required each year to keep CESP programs in operation;
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29 WHEREAS, CESP will hold its 20th Annual Cable Car Caroling fundraiser on December
30 10, 2006 to raise funds for recruitment and training of CESP volunteers; now, therefore be it

31 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Sunday, December 10th,
32 2006, as CESP Day in San Francisco.

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