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4 **of San Francisco children and families.**

5 WHEREAS, Margaret Brodtkin is a nationally-recognized children's advocate and
6 author who has improved the lives of children and youth in San Francisco for more than 30
7 years; and,

8 WHEREAS, Margaret has increased civic engagement in public policy making,
9 including the Children's Baseline and Set-Aside Amendment; and,

10 WHEREAS, Thanks largely to Margaret's work, San Francisco leads the nation in its
11 child care policies, providing wage subsidies for all child care workers, subsidizing and
12 enhancing child care centers, and spearheading national opposition to the commercialization
13 of schools; and,

14 WHEREAS, Under her visionary leadership, the Department of Children, Youth and
15 their Families (DCYF) has become a model of government and community collaboration to
16 develop program and policy; and,

17 WHEREAS, Margaret has formed partnerships among key city departments, and, with
18 the SFUSD, forged a high-quality system of services in key areas; and,

19 WHEREAS, Margaret has forged partnerships across the United States, including a
20 project with the New York-based Youth Development Institute on Young Adolescence,
21 Stanford University's John Gardner Center, U.C. Berkeley's Center for Cities and Schools, the
22 Harvard Family Research Council, Children's Defense Fund, National League of Cities Anti-
23 gang Initiative, the Kellogg-funded Youthline America, and the California Afterschool Alliance;
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1 WHEREAS, Margaret created the Policy Council on Children, Youth, and Families
2 composed of civic and governmental leaders to bring issues of family flight to the fore, leading
3 to changes in the City's family housing policies, as well as strategies to manage the costs of
4 living, transportation, and early childhood development; and,

5 WHEREAS, Margaret has guided DCYF in developing more outreach to families and
6 to communities through a variety of strategies, including hugely attended citywide events such
7 as Family Appreciation Day; SFkids.org, San Francisco's Official Family Resource Guide; and
8 the Convener Project; and,

9 WHEREAS, Margaret integrated youth voices into the running of DCYF, introducing a
10 Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby commends, congratulates and
12 appreciates Margaret Brodtkin's service to the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors wishes Margaret Brodtkin
14 continued success with her trailblazing career and her upcoming work to make access to
15 education more just and comprehensive at the New Day for Learning Initiative.