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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[National Adopt a Cat Month - June]
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3	Resolution recognizing every June as National Adopt A Cat Month in the City and
4	County of San Francisco.
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6	WHEREAS, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
7	approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized, of that, 1.4 million cats are put down; and
8	WHEREAS, Approximately 37% are adopted and less than 5% of cats who came in as
9	strays are returned to their owners; and
10	WHEREAS, The percentage of cats that are euthanized in shelters is 70%; and
11	WHEREAS, According to the Humane Society of the United States, of the 3 million cats
12	and dogs euthanized in the shelters each year, approximately 2.4 (80%) are healthy and
13	treatable and could have been adopted into forever homes; and
14	WHEREAS, In 2019, the live release rate for the entire city of San Francisco climbed to
15	94%, which is the highest ever for San Francisco and for any major American city; and
16	WHEREAS, The San Francisco SPCA is considered a national leader in animal welfare
17	movement and one of the first cities to guarantee that it will take an "adoptable" cat or dog
18	offered to it by the San Francisco Department of Animal Care and Control; and
19	WHEREAS, In San Francisco, 65% of San Francisco households are renter- occupied,
20	making cats the ideal animal companion since they are low- maintenance and ideal for
21	apartments and city living; and
22	WHEREAS, Owning a cat has been linked to lowering stress, anxiety and blood
23	pressure, and, according to the Center for Disease and Control, can be a key to reducing
24	stress, cholesterol and triglyceride levels; and
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1	WHEREAS, As seen with Shelter in Place in the COVID-19 Pandemic, having a feline
2	companion can help reduce feelings of loneliness, through instilling a sense of routine and a
3	reason to get out bed; and
4	WHEREAS, Owning a cat can also prevent and improve allergies, if a child is exposed
5	to cats within the first years of life, they are more likely to develop an immune system that
6	combats not only cat allergies but other kind of allergens as well; and
7	WHEREAS, The National Adopt a Cat Month was formed by American Humane 45
8	years ago in order to encourage people to stop buying cats and, instead, adopt them from
9	shelters; now, therefore, be it
10	RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes every June as
11	National Adopt A Cat Month.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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