

1 [Recognizing Children’s Environmental Health Month - October 2021]

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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2021 as “Children’s Environmental Health Month” in**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Environmental hazards in the surroundings of our neighborhoods and
7 communities can affect a child’s development, growth and their developmental milestones;
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9 WHEREAS, Toxins such as lead exposure in the homes and surroundings of children,
10 and pregnant women, can greatly affect child development and can cause long-term harmful
11 health effects; and

12 WHEREAS, Over 400,000 Californian’s are hospitalized for asthma every year –
13 disproportionately impacting children and communities of color; and

14 WHEREAS, The aim of Children’s Environmental Health (CEH) Month is to raise
15 awareness about the importance of clean air and water, safe food and consumer products,
16 healthy environments, and stable climates to children’s health and development; and

17 WHEREAS, A Statewide CEH Month was established on September 1, 2021, through
18 House Resolution 68 (HR 68), by the California State Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, CEH Month provides a means to celebrate the progress of the children’s
20 environmental health movement and create an even stronger network of child health
21 advocates; and

22 WHEREAS, CEH Month encourages individuals and organizations to raise awareness
23 and understanding of children’s environmental health issues, seek improved protections for all
24 children, and to perform acts of sustainability or environmental health wellness; and

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1 WHEREAS, As part of CEH Month this year, a series of free virtual educational
2 briefings are being organized, bringing together speakers and resources to discuss topics
3 including: Pediatric Asthma; Pesticides and Children's Health; Climate change, Fires, Smoke
4 and Fossil Fuels; and Pediatric Cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Children have a right to live, play, learn and thrive in healthy and safe
6 environments, and together we can safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of this and
7 future generations of children; and

8 WHEREAS, Together, we can safeguard the health, safety, and wellbeing of our most
9 precious resource: children; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 recognizes that environmental hazards impacting the surroundings of children must be
12 addressed; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14 Francisco do hereby proclaim the month of October as Children’s Environmental Health
15 Month and urge all of our communities to observe this month with awareness-raising and
16 environmental health and stewardship activities to create a healthier environment for our
17 children.

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