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[Endorsing Rally for California's Future on March 4, 2010.]

Resolution endorsing Rally for California's Future, a statewide day of action in support of education and public-sector services on March 4, 2010.

WHEREAS, Education plays a vital role in our state's future economic health and the aspirations of millions of California families; and,

WHEREAS, Those who work in the education sector should not be placed in competition with state workers, where each fights against the other for scarce funds; and,

WHEREAS, Public education in California is under attack at all levels. Budgets for public schools – K-12 through University – are being slashed. K-12 schools in California have absorbed \$17 billion in total cuts over the past two years, representing 60 percent of all the budget cuts made over the same period; and,

WHEREAS, California is now 46th of 50 states in overall K-12 per-pupil education spending; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School district now faces budget cuts of over \$2,000 per student through 2011-12, possibly requiring class size increases, staff furloughs, wage freezes or other draconian cuts; and,

WHEREAS, California's community colleges, state university system and the University of California system have suffered equally devastating cuts since 2007; and,

WHEREAS, Every high school graduate in California has a right to higher education, admission to a community college, state university, or UC campus; and,

WHEREAS, A statewide conference of students, faculty, and staff unions held in Berkeley on October 24, 2009 called for a response to layoffs, furloughs and widespread cutbacks; and,

WHEREAS, Community members, educational leaders, student organizations and labor organizations including AFT 2121, the California Federation of Teachers, California Faculty Association, CSU Employees Union, United Educators of San Francisco, San Francisco Community College District Chapter SEIU Local 1021, and the San Francisco Labor Council, are organizing rallies and demonstrations in San Francisco, Sacramento and across the state on March 4, 2010, Rally for California's Future is a day of action to support education and public services through progressive taxation; and,

WHEREAS, The March 4<sup>th</sup> day of action will emphasize three themes: restoring the promise of public education; a government that works for all of the people; and restoring a fair tax system that adequately funds state services; and,

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, parents, students, teachers, staff and administrators will gather at 4 p.m. in front of the State office building at 505 Van Ness Ave to express support for adequate K-12 education funding, and at 5 p.m. move to City Hall Plaza between Polk and Larkin Streets to rally in support of California's higher education system; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a fundamental commitment to public education, to the young people of this city, their future and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco strongly endorses the March 4<sup>th</sup> Rally for California's Future and encourages community participation in defense of public education and a budget that supports all of California's public services.



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## Resolution

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February 23, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and

Mirkarimi

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/23/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

**Date Approved**