FILE NO. 051048 RESOLUTION NO. 545-05

[Resolution endorsing the bill of rights established by the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership and urging relevant city agencies to work together towards its implementation]

Resolution endorsing the bill of rights established by the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership and urging relevant city agencies to work together its implementation to reduce recidivism for parents and improve outcomes for children.

WHEREAS, As many as one in ten children in California have a parent in jail, in prison, on parole, or probation; and

WHEREAS, Studies indicate that maintaining family bonds during incarceration reduces recidivism for parents and improves outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (SFCIPP) has developed a bill of rights for children of incarcerated parents and is working with multiple city agencies to implement it; and

WHEREAS, This Bill of Rights gives the child the right to be kept safe and informed at the time of the parent's arrest, to be heard when decisions are made about them, to be considered when decisions are made about the parent, to be well cared for in the absence of the parent, to speak with, see, and touch his or her parent, to support in the struggle with the parent's incarceration, to not be judged, blamed, or labeled because a parent is incarcerated, and to a lifelong relationship with the parent; and

WHEREAS, The City can improve its rate of recidivism and improve outcomes for youth by providing: access to jail visiting facilities that are child-centered, transportation for children to visit incarcerated parents, opportunities with people who are trained to address the

unique needs of children of incarcerated parents, and by creating opportunities for children of incarcerated parents to communicate with and support each other; and

WHEREAS, Training staff at institutions whose constituency includes children of incarcerated parents—such as schools, foster care agencies, probation departments, juvenile detention facilities and child care programs—to recognize and address these children's needs will help guide children through the difficult time following a parent's arrest; and

WHEREAS, Multiple city agencies—including, but not limited to, schools, the Department of Human Services, the Police Department, the Probation Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the Youth Guidance Center—connect with and have the opportunity to improve the prospects of the children of incarcerated parents; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and endorses the above bill of rights, and encourages city agencies whose constituency includes the children of incarcerated parents to work together towards implementation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages the relevant agencies to consider the following means of achieving the implementation of the rights: creating access to jail visiting facilities that are child-centered; offering transportation for children to visit incarcerated parents, providing access to people who are trained to address the unique needs of children of incarcerated parents, and by creating opportunities for children of incarcerated parents to communicate with and support each other.

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June 14, 2005 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee

July 26, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 26, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JUL 29 2005
Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom