

1 [Youth Commission Establishment of SF Youth of the Year Awards and Award Ceremony]
2 **Resolution establishing the San Francisco Youth of the Year Award, given to 13 young people**
3 **who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and outstanding civic engagement in**
4 **his/her/their community, and the subsequent Award Ceremony to be held in spring of 2013.**
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6 WHEREAS, As stated in Article IV of the San Francisco Charter, Section 4.124, it is the duty of
7 the Youth Commission to “identify the concerns and needs of the children and youth of San
8 Francisco;” and

9 WHEREAS, Children and youth are often a lost voice in communities, overlooked and
10 discouraged to contribute; and

11 WHEREAS, Even when young people do get involved, their efforts often go uncelebrated and
12 unrewarded; and

13 WHEREAS, It is very important to empower young people to contribute to their communities,
14 as these young people are the next generation of law makers and community activists; and

15 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Youth Commission has identified the need for the
16 encouragement and empowerment of youth to contribute to their community; and

17 WHEREAS, Section 4.124 further states that it is the duty of the San Francisco Youth
18 Commission to “ identify the unmet needs of San Francisco's children and youth through personal
19 contact with these young people;” and

20 WHEREAS, Personal contact with San Francisco’s young people is often hindered by general
21 ignorance of the existence and purpose of the Youth Commission; and

22 WHEREAS, Further outreach about the Youth Commission is necessary to foster the “personal
23 contact” mandated by the charter; and

24 WHEREAS, Section 4.124 further states that another duty of the Commission is to “elicit the
25 interest, support, and mutual cooperation of private groups (such as fraternal orders, service clubs,

1 associations, churches, businesses, and youth organizations);” and

2 WHEREAS, Outreach (and the subsequent awareness of the Commission’s existence and
3 purpose brought on by outreach) is often insufficient to elicit the ongoing interest and cooperation of
4 private groups; and

5 WHEREAS, An incentive is needed for such private groups to maintain a relationship with the
6 Youth Commission and to refer engaged youth to the Youth Commission; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby establishes the San Francisco
8 Youth of the Year Award, to be given to 13 young San Franciscan residents (ages 12-23) who have
9 demonstrated exceptional leadership and outstanding civic engagement in his/her/their community;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth of the Year Award will be given to one person from
12 each Supervisorial District, in addition to two other young people from the city at large; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Award Ceremony for the SF Youth of the Year Award will take place in
14 the spring of 2013, during a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission will distribute flyers for, and in other ways promote,
16 this award through outreach to various community organizations; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission cordially invites all nominations for
18 people who qualify under the aforementioned requirements; and be it finally

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Board of the Supervisors,
20 the Department of Children Youth and their Families, the Board of Education and the Mayor to
21 promote this award and to encourage young people to submit nominations.

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