Adopted by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of September 27, 2005
(by Suspension of the Rules at First Reading)

Superintendent’s Resolution

59-27Sp1 Declaring Armani Johnson Asthma Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Asthma is a serious, sometimes life-threatening respiratory disease that affects the quality of life for millions of Americans. Nearly one in thirteen school aged children has asthma, and this percentage is rising with preschool aged children faster than any other age group; and

WHEREAS: Asthma impacts the quality of life for youths and their families, as well as causing school absenteeism and interference with students’ participation and progress in school; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the seriousness of this disease and its impact on students in San Francisco, the Board has passed multiple resolutions to implement asthma emergency plans, improve professional development for staff related to asthma, and to create asthma action plans (Resolution 34-22A1, June 10, 2003, “Commending Parent Voices and the San Francisco Unified School District’s Efforts to Develop Asthma Emergency Plans and Improve Professional Development Opportunities for Staff”), (Resolution 310-28A5, December 9, 2003, “In Support of Asthma Action Plans”); and

WHEREAS: On March 26, 2002, student Armani Johnson died tragically as the result of an asthma attack when attending the Burnett Child Development Center; and

WHEREAS: Every year, the San Francisco Unified School District recognizes Allergy and Asthma Awareness month in May by distributing information to all District schools about World Asthma Day; providing asthma resources and materials for schools, and helping schools to plan asthma education events for their community; and

WHEREAS: The Board wishes to honor the memory of Armani Johnson, and to commemorate his life through the recognition and celebration of Asthma Awareness Month; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That SFUSD’s annual recognition of Asthma Awareness Month will hereafter be known as “Armani Johnson Asthma Awareness Month,” and will be so designated in all written materials distributed by SFUSD in commemoration of this annual event.

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