

National Parent Leadership Month Proclamation February 2017

WHEREAS, meaningful Parent Leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in leadership roles and present a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and assisting in the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Agency recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and that Parent Leadership is a necessary component in any effective family strengthening and family support program; and

WHEREAS, Parents Anonymous Inc. has created National Parent Leadership Month to recognize the extraordinary courage and tenacity of parents who have reached out to make improvements in their families and communities;

WHEREAS the Human Services Agency, recognizing that peer parent support is a critical way to engage and encourage families involved with the child welfare system, is contracting with A Better Way and Homeless Prenatal Program to provide parent mentorship for the Peer Parent Program;

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month recognizes, honors and celebrates parents for their vital leadership roles in their homes and communities, and in local, state and national arenas; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Human Services Commission at its meeting held January 26, 2017, hereby proclaims the month of February 2017 as National Parent Leadership Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Human Services Commission respectfully requests that the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor Edwin M. Lee proclaim the month of February 2017 as National Parent Leadership Month.

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