

1 [One Billion Rising Day - February 14, 2013

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3 **Resolution declaring February 14, 2013, as One Billion Rising Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco and joining the global call to action opposing violence against**
5 **women.**

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7 WHEREAS, The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26,
8 1945 at the Civic Center War Memorial and Performing Arts Center as a commitment of the
9 signatories “to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the
10 human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to
11 establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties
12 and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and
13 better standards of life in larger freedom;” and,

14 WHEREAS, Today, in spite of charters, conventions, and other governmental
15 declarations, globally one billion women – one of every three women – will be raped or beaten
16 in her lifetime: one billion mothers, daughters, sisters, partners, and friends violated; and,

17 WHEREAS, On February 14, 1998, playwright Eve Ensler founded V-Day as a global
18 movement to end violence against women and girls through her 1996 play, “The Vagina
19 Monologues;” and,

20 WHEREAS, The V-Day movement has gained an ever-growing activist following
21 through film and art with Abby Epstein’s 2003 documentary “Until the Violence Stops;” and,

22 WHEREAS, On February 14, 2013, V-Day’s 15th Anniversary will unite the world in a
23 global call to action – One Billion Rising – as one billion people rise, dance, and move in
24 peaceful celebration and bring about a revolution for a violence-free world, and billions more
25 finally stop and pay attention; and,

1 WHEREAS, As of January 2013, 13,000 organizations and 190 countries have signed
2 on to plan One Billion Rising events; and,

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Enslar specially enlisted San Francisco as one of the One Billion
4 Rising cities to host One Billion Rising events; and,

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a strong commitment to ensure human rights and
6 equality for all of its residents through its City Charter in providing for such policies through the
7 Human Rights Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco in solidarity joins San
10 Franciscans, our Bay Area neighbors, and world leaders and grassroots activists – women,
11 men, girls, and boys – to rise against violence and join the global call to action with One Billion
12 Rising; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco, on the 15th
14 Anniversary of V-Day, does hereby declare February 14, 2013, as “One Billion Rising Day” in
15 the City and County of San Francisco.

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