

1 [Commending Mimi Silbert and declaring May 15, 2008 to be Mimi Silbert Day.]

2 **Resolution commending Mimi Silbert for more than 36 years of leadership as the**  
3 **President and CEO of Delancey Street and her steadfast commitment to the**  
4 **rehabilitation and reintegration of more than 14,000 people nationwide, and declaring**  
5 **May 15, 2008 to be Mimi Silbert Day, on the occasion of her recognition by the Women**  
6 **Defenders at their 2008 Spring Event.**  
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8 WHEREAS, Since 1972, when she helped found Delancey Street, Mimi Silbert has  
9 worked tirelessly to improve the lives of thousands of people who faced multiple convictions  
10 and would otherwise have spent their lives behind bars; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its creation, Delancey Street has rehabilitated and reintegrated  
12 more than 14,000 formerly-convicted individuals back into society, giving them the ability and  
13 the opportunity to leave their self-destructive cycles and take responsibility for themselves  
14 and others; and,

15 WHEREAS, Delancey Street provides jobs, education, and life skills training to its  
16 many residents; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 1990, Silbert was the developer and Delancey Street was its own  
18 contractor, in building its mixed-use facility on the Embarcadero which houses about 500  
19 residents and includes a health club, swimming pool, cinema, restaurant, and a coffee house;  
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21 WHEREAS, Under Silbert's leadership, Delancey Street now has centers located in  
22 New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Los Angeles, along with their headquarters in  
23 San Francisco, which is the largest self-managed, self-built self-help complex in the country;  
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1           WHEREAS, Mimi Silbert’s lifetime of dedication and leadership in the rehabilitation and  
2           reintegration of so many thousands of people is a testament to her tenacity, her passion, and  
3           her commitment to seeing the good in all people and making it a reality; and

4           WHEREAS; The Women Defenders will honor Mimi Silbert at their 2008 Spring Event,  
5           which will take place at Delancey Street; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Mimi Silbert for  
7           her more than 36 years of leadership as the President and CEO of Delancey Street and her  
8           steadfast commitment to the rehabilitation and reintegration of more than 14,000 people  
9           nationwide; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares May  
11          15, 2008 to be Mimi Silbert Day in the City and County of San Francisco, on the occasion of  
12          her recognition by the Women Defenders at their 2008 Spring Event.

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