

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Vicki Mar Lane" - 100 Block of Turk Street]

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3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name “Vicki Mar Lane” to the 100 Block**
4 **of Turk Street in recognition of transgender performer and activist Vicki Marlane and**
5 **her lasting legacy in the Tenderloin and throughout San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane began her illustrious 50 year stage performance career as a
8 carnival performer, culminating with a portrayal of her sensational role as The Girl with the
9 Liquid Spine in the documentary “Forever’s Going To Start Tonight”; and

10 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane pioneered transgender inclusion and is widely considered to
11 have built unity within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in San
12 Francisco at a time when drag queens were not even allowed into San Francisco gay bars;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane fearlessly modeled transgender and transsexual
15 empowerment and provided mentorship to up-and-coming female impersonators during the
16 1960’s, at a time when the Compton’s Cafeteria riot exposed police brutality and persecution
17 of the transgender community; and

18 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane became an iconic signature act at Aunt Charlie’s Lounge on
19 the 100 block of Turk Street, where she began staging her drag revue “Girls Just Wanna Have
20 Fun” in 1998; and

21 WHEREAS, The long-running drag revue evolved into a cornerstone of Aunt Charlie’s
22 Lounge’s Friday and Saturday programming as “The Hot Boxxx Girls”; and

23 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane was designated Grand Marshal of the 2003 San Francisco
24 Pride Parade and used the experience as a platform to speak about the transphobia she
25 experienced in her first Pride Parade in the early 1960’s; and

1 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane was awarded the San Francisco Bay Guardian’s “Best Drag
2 Queen” in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Vicki Marlane’s death from AIDS-related health complications on July 5th,
4 2011 at the age of 76 left a huge void in the Tenderloin and transgender community that
5 struggled and celebrated with her for almost six decades; and

6 WHEREAS, The Vicki Marlane Memorial Campaign has done extensive community
7 outreach in the Tenderloin and throughout San Francisco, including launching a petition
8 campaign to rename the 100 block of Turk Street “Vicki Mar Lane” that has elicited thousands
9 of responses; and

10 WHEREAS, Designating the 100 block of Turk Street will be the first time in San
11 Francisco history that a street is named after a transgender activist; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, There shall be an honorary naming of “Vicki Mar Lane” in recognition of
13 Vicki Marlane’s valued contributions to the City of San Francisco and the community of the
14 Tenderloin; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Municipal
16 Transportation Agency to erect street signs indicating both the honorary and the existing
17 names of the street, either on a single sign or on separate signs, with the honorary name
18 “Vicki Mar Lane” in smaller letters, and the existing name “Turk Street” in larger letters above
19 or beneath the honorary name; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the
21 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
22 Public Works Code 789 et seq.