

1 [Annette Williams Day - September 19, 2023]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 19, 2023, as Annette Williams Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco and honoring the legacy of her career in accessible**
5 **transportation and in recognition of her exemplary public service on the occasion of**
6 **her well-deserved retirement.**

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8 WHEREAS, Annette Williams served the City and County of San Francisco for 33
9 years and led Muni and later the SFMTA’s Accessible Services team, overseeing a
10 tremendous increase in accessible transportation options for older adults and people with
11 disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, 96,000 San Francisco residents report having at least one disability and a
13 quarter of those residents ride public transportation daily, and San Francisco is also host to
14 many workers and tourists with disabilities; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Annette Williams’ leadership, the SFMTA went from two accessible
16 bus lines in 1990, the 17 Park Merced and the 43 Masonic, to a fully accessible bus system in
17 2006 with audible announcements of stops, ramps, kneelers, and priority seating for people
18 with disabilities on all vehicles; and

19 WHEREAS, With Annette Williams’ accessibility expertise, the SFMTA constructed
20 Muni’s first fully accessible rail line, the T-Third, with high level platforms at all stops and
21 access at all doors; and

22 WHEREAS, As of August 2023, there are 505 intersections and counting in San
23 Francisco with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), making up 39% of all San Francisco
24 intersections, the highest proportion of any major city in the country; and

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1 WHEREAS, The SF Paratransit program now serves 17,700 people taking over half a
2 million trips each year and includes programs like Shop-a-Round, a grocery shopping shuttle,
3 Van Gogh, a shuttle for social and recreational events, and the Essential Trip Card Program,
4 a taxi discount program for older adults and people with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The SFMTA is a national leader in accessible transportation and prioritizes
6 accessible transportation, with fully accessible bus service and a paratransit program that pre-
7 dated the Americans with Disabilities Act by over a decade; and

8 WHEREAS, Annette Williams has long recognized the importance of community
9 engagement and public accountability, supporting advisory bodies such as the Multimodal
10 Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) and the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC);
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That in honor of Annette Williams’ many years of service and dedication
13 to transportation access for the disability community and older adults, the Board of
14 Supervisors does hereby declare September 19, 2023, to be Annette Williams Day in the City
15 and County of San Francisco; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution be tendered
17 to Annette Williams as a small token of the respect in which she is held by this Board of
18 Supervisors and to express to her their appreciation for her service and best wishes for her
19 future; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit a copy of this
21 Resolution to the SFMTA and the SFMTA Board.