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7 WHEREAS, Five years ago the Noe Valley Farmers' Market began thanks to a healthy
8 and sustainable vision realized by members of the Noe Valley community; and,

9 WHEREAS, *The Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco* highlights the
10 importance of creating an environment in which local and regional agriculture can thrive while
11 ensuring access to safe and affordable food for all San Franciscans; and,

12 WHEREAS, December 6, 2008 marks the Five-Year Anniversary of the Noe Valley
13 Farmers' Market, a California Certified Farmers' Market that makes this vision real every
14 Saturday between 8 am and 1pm, year-round; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Noe Valley Farmers' Market upholds a San Francisco tradition of civic
16 advocacy through its formation and continued success in providing an important place that
17 promotes a healthy and active community; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Noe Valley Farmers' Market supports the farmers and employees
19 who were adversely affected by the sudden closing of the Now Valley's organic supermarket;
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, The Noe Valley Farmers' Market has become the community's town
22 square, fostered relationships among neighbors and businesses, and inspired the new
23 community mural that weaves and celebration of 24th Street's past, present, and future
24 through the vegetables and flowers of the Market; and
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1 WHEREAS, The Noe Valley Farmers' Market attracts more than 1,500 people every
2 week, who obtain high-quality, fresh, and seasonably available food from seventeen family-
3 owned, small farms and vendors; and,

4 WHEREAS, The local and regional merchants of Noe Valley Farmers' Market use
5 sustainable agriculture practices to protect the health of their workers and farmland, as well
6 as provide crop diversity and food security; and,

7 WHEREAS, It is the mission of the Noe Valley Farmers' Market to educate adults and
8 children about the importance and possibilities of local and sustainable agriculture, and the
9 benefits of healthy eating; and,

10 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco recognizes the commitment of the
11 neighborhood volunteers who founded the Noe Valley Farmers' Market and thanks to those
12 who bring it to life every week, including Jonathan Alloy, Paula Benton, Vanessa Barrington,
13 Lora Blum, Mark brown, Dave Campbell, Elizabeth Crane, Leslie Crawford, John Foley, John
14 Friedman, Richard Hildreth, Peter Gabel, Roan Johnson, Rachel Levin, Roger Meredith,
15 Patrick Monk, Steve Powell, Kim Rohrbach, Mary Scheib, Erica Sweetman, Eric Viscito, with
16 the contributions and support of Reverend Keenan Kelsey of the Noe Valley Ministry, as the
17 Noe Valley Farmers' Market continues to grow and thrive every weekend; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes, congratulates,
19 and commends the achievements of the Noe valley farmers' Market on its Five-Year
20 Anniversary, and looks forward to future years and continued success for the Noe Valley
21 Farmers' Market.

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