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5 WHEREAS, Sylvester James was an icon of the disco era—who featured drag and a  
6 thundering falsetto—as San Francisco’s musical ambassador of freedom and dance; and,  
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8 WHEREAS, Sylvester achieved mainstream success in the late 1970s and early 1980s  
9 with three Top 40 hits, Dance (Disco Heat), You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real) and I Who Have  
10 Nothing; and,

11 WHEREAS, Sylvester became a spokesperson for AIDS awareness (especially in  
12 African American communities), gave benefit performances for AIDS organizations  
13 throughout the 1980s, and acknowledged having AIDS by “marching” in a wheelchair in the  
14 1987 Freedom Day Parade a year before he died; and,

15 WHEREAS, Sylvester was one of the biggest openly gay stars in popular music; and,

16 WHEREAS, Sylvester performed a sold-out concert at the War Memorial Opera House  
17 on March 11, 1979, and then Supervisor Harry Britt read a proclamation declaring it Sylvester  
18 Day in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
20 recognizes March 11, 2005 as, once again, Sylvester Day.