

1 [Laura Jo Ruffin Day]

2 **Resolution declaring January 16, 2003 Laura Jo Ruffin Day in San Francisco.**

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4 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin has provided 36 years of dedicated service to the City and
5 County of San Francisco through her work at Community Mental Health Services; and

6 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin rose through the ranks to become the Director of Mental
7 Health in 1996 and has held the position of Director longer than any other Director in memory;
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9 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin has been a practical, down-to-earth, results-oriented, and
10 extraordinarily accessible Director; and

11 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin has earned the respect of clients, family members, and
12 providers, alike, and has had an excellent working relationship with the Mental Health Board;
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14 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin has had a steadfast commitment to empowering mental
15 health clients, and supporting their desire to live lives of opportunity, self-expression, and
16 contribution; and

17 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin has established and championed programs run by clients
18 for clients, and has supported the employment of clients in the mental health system, in
19 positions from peer counselor to financial analyst, from case manager to program director;

20 WHEREAS, Laura Jo Ruffin is a seasoned, no-nonsense administrator, but has never
21 forgotten how to lead with her heart; and therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes Laura Jo Ruffin for her 36
23 years of service and her deep compassion for those in need; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares January 16,
2 2003 Laura Jo Ruffin Day in San Francisco.

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