

1 [Proclaiming Harvey Milk Day - May 22, 2010]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming May 22, 2010, as Harvey Milk Day in the City and County**  
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk made history as the first openly gay elected official in  
7 California, and one of the first in the nation, when he won election to the San Francisco  
8 Board of Supervisors in November 1977; and,

9 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's vision of the Castro neighborhood of the 1970s led him to  
10 found the Castro Valley Association which enabled the growing Gay community to  
11 become politically organized and thereby gain support from unions and civic leaders;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, His camera store and campaign headquarters at 575 Castro Street  
14 and his apartment upstairs were centers of community activism for a wide range of  
15 human rights, environmental, labor, and neighborhood issues, and that its location at  
16 573-575 Castro Street is now protected as San Francisco Landmark No. 227; and

17 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's hard work and accomplishments on behalf of all San  
18 Franciscans earned him widespread respect and support; and,

19 WHEREAS, The story of his incredible courage and vision has been well  
20 documented in such best selling literature as *The Mayor of Castro Street*, the  
21 documentary *The Times of Harvey Milk*, and the Oscar award winning movie *MILK*; and

22 WHEREAS, Locations such as the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, San  
23 Francisco's Harvey Milk Plaza and the Harvey Milk Recreation Center are recognizing  
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1 and honoring Harvey Milk's impact and distinctive contributions to our City and  
2 community; and

3 WHEREAS, in February 2007, as a lasting tribute to his service and to  
4 memorialize his life's work, the City of San Francisco agreed to erect a bust of  
5 Supervisor Harvey Milk and to have it placed in City Hall with a gala celebration in 2008;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, After passing both the Assembly and the Senate, Senator Mark  
8 Leno's SB 572, declaring Harvey Milk's birthday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, an official statewide day of  
9 recognition, was finally signed into law on October 11, 2009, making Harvey Milk only  
10 the second person in our state's history, after conservationist John Muir, to gain such a  
11 designation and the only openly gay person in the country to receive this great honor;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The holiday commemorating Harvey Milk's life provides an excellent  
14 forum to raise awareness of the importance of his life that continues to be an inspiration  
15 to all people committed to equal opportunity and an end to bigotry; now,

16 THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
17 honors the life and times of Harvey Milk and hereby declares May 22, 2010 as Harvey  
18 Milk Day in San Francisco.



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Tails**  
**Resolution**

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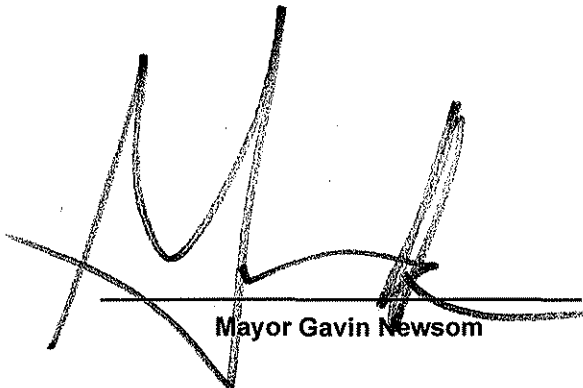
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May 18, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED


Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/18/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Mayor Gavin Newsom



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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

5/27/2010  
Date Approved