

1 [Arbor Day - March 14, 2015]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 14, 2015, as Arbor Day in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton successfully proposed the first tree-planting
7 holiday to be called “Arbor Day” to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture; and

8 WHEREAS, This holiday, now spread throughout the United States and observed in
9 many countries around the world, was first observed with the planting of more than one million
10 trees in Nebraska; and

11 WHEREAS, Arbor Day 2015 in San Francisco celebrates the importance of care and
12 maintenance of the urban forest and educates residents on how to keep trees strong, healthy
13 and beautiful; and

14 WHEREAS, Trees are our living green infrastructure and serve as the lungs of the City,
15 producing oxygen, cleaning the air, sequestering carbon and helping manage stormwater; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works, the Department of the Environment, the
17 Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Housing Authority, Friends of the Urban
18 Forest and the San Francisco Parks Trust have worked collaboratively to host San Francisco
19 Arbor Day activities that include community tree plantings and public education; and

20 WHEREAS, Arbor Day 2015 is being supported by many sponsors, partners and
21 community organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Planting and caring for trees contributes to a sustainable environment for
23 this and future generations and makes our great city more livable; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim
25 March 14, 2015 as “Arbor Day 2015” in the City and County of San Francisco.