

1 [La Casa de las Madres Day - April 7, 2026]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of La Casa de las Madres and**
4 **declaring April 7, 2026, as La Casa de las Madres Day in the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1976, a dynamic coalition of San Francisco women sought to meet a
8 dire need by establishing California’s first shelter for women and children escaping domestic
9 violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The founders repurposed a four-story Victorian home into a shelter and
11 aptly named it: La Casa de las Madres, Home of the Mothers, to honor the memory of one of
12 their mothers brutally murdered by her spouse; and

13 WHEREAS, The shelter became a safe haven for women and children escaping abuse
14 embodying the empowering and protective nurture of mothering; and

15 WHEREAS, Within two days of opening the doors, La Casa de las Madres served their
16 first resident, a mother and her three sons, and within months, the shelter reached full
17 capacity, reflecting the overwhelming community demand; and

18 WHEREAS, La Casa de las Madres was more than a shelter, but part of a powerful,
19 growing movement to raise public awareness about domestic violence and to transform policy
20 decisions centering the needs of survivors; and

21 WHEREAS, The founding members bravely testified at local hearings on marital
22 violence including before the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 1978, which proved
23 to be pivotal moment to define domestic violence as a prevalent federal issue requiring
24 adequate resources for survivors and systematic reforms to the legal system; and

1 WHEREAS, La Casa de las Madres played an active role in reforming systems in San
2 Francisco to ensure trauma-informed training for law enforcement, and to remove barriers to
3 legal and social support for survivors facing economic vulnerability and other risk factors,
4 including immigration status; and

5 WHEREAS, Given San Francisco's affordability crisis, La Casa de las Madres is
6 actively addressing the critical intersection between domestic violence and housing stability
7 for low-income families and survivors by providing training for subsidized housing providers
8 and advocating for secure long-term housing placement for survivors; and

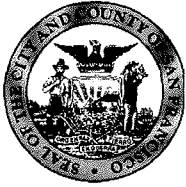
9 WHEREAS, Over the years, La Casa de las Madres served over 14,000 survivors and
10 expanded its programming to provide comprehensive support and emergency services for
11 women, including managing 24/7 crisis hotlines and a text line, running an active Drop-In
12 Counseling Center, launching a project supporting survivors over 50, and running a robust
13 public education program that includes engaging youth in schools about healthy relationships
14 and preventing teen dating violence; and

15 WHEREAS, La Casa de las Madres is not only a quintessential resource for our
16 community, but is actively working towards building a future where intimate partner violence is
17 no longer tolerated, where survivors are believed and supported, where fear manifests into
18 hope, where healthy relationships are the norm, where diversity is celebrated, and where all
19 families have access to safety and respect; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby commemorates La
21 Casa de las Madres on their 50th anniversary and recognizes the monumental impact they
22 have made in our community by advancing the needs of survivors and preventing domestic
23 violence; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 7, 2026,
25 La Casa de las Madres Day in the City and County of San Francisco; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its
2 commitment to supporting survivors and ending gender-based violence.
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Resolution

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April 07, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

Excused: 1 - Fielder

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/7/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

04/17/2026

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

04/17/2026

Date