

1 [SF Spikes Day - October 27, 2022]

2 **Resolution declaring October 27, 2022, as SF Spikes Day in the City and County of San**
3 **Francisco, in recognition of San Francisco Spikes’ work to engage the LGBTQ+**
4 **community in soccer and advance LGBTQ+ social causes and events.**
5

6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Spikes Soccer Team was founded to represent San
7 Francisco in the first Gay Games in 1982, winning gold that year and the next; and

8 WHEREAS, The Spikes is an all-gender, LGBTQ+ and allied soccer club offering
9 recreational, intermediate, and competitive programming locally and worldwide, as well as a
10 house futsal league at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center for more than 20 years; and

11 WHEREAS, The Spikes were one of the founding members of the International Gay
12 and Lesbian Football Association (IGLFA) in 1992, founded “to help promote and foster the
13 growth of LGTBQ football worldwide”; and

14 WHEREAS, IGLFA and its member clubs like the Spikes host annual World
15 Championship tournaments worldwide and work to promote inclusion more generally in the
16 sport; and

17 WHEREAS, The Spikes grew to become a non-profit organization that supports its
18 members and gives back to the community, fostering self-respect and promoting equality,
19 diversity, and inclusion; and

20 WHEREAS, The Spikes created an “It Gets Better” video and was the first LGBTQ+
21 organization to host the Spirit of Futbol's "The Ball," football’s equivalent of the Olympic Torch,
22 which traveled from England to San Francisco to Brazil before the 2014 World Cup; and
23

24
25

1 WHEREAS, The club is funded by member dues, individual donors, and generous
2 support from local and national businesses, which helps the Spikes provide scholarship
3 opportunities for low-income athletes to participate in international and national tournaments,
4 subsidizes club membership dues, and pays for field rentals and equipment purchases; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 hereby declares October 27, 2022, as "SF Spikes Day" in the City and County of San
8 Francisco.

9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25