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6 WHEREAS, Susan Leal first joined San Francisco City Government in June 1993,
7 when she was appointed to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

8 WHEREAS; The following year, Susan Leal won a four-year term to the Board of
9 Supervisors; and

10 WHEREAS, Susan Leal was elected as the City's Treasurer in 1997 and served in that
11 capacity until 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, As Treasurer for the City and County of San Francisco, Susan Leal
13 instituted a number of programs and operational improvements that significantly increased tax
14 collection rates, including a 91% increase in delinquent tax collection, representing more than
15 \$26 million in additional revenue for the City and also initiated San Francisco's first-ever
16 socially responsible investment policy that consistently achieved a rate of return highest
17 among its peers; and

18 WHEREAS, Susan Leal Leal also made many innovative improvements to customer
19 service as Treasurer, including introducing the City Payment Center – a one-stop shop for
20 City transactions such as transit passes, water bills, and passports – spearheading the City's
21 e-commerce initiative which was named one of the top e-government projects nationwide and
22 launching the nation's first audio ATM for the visually impaired; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2004, Susan Leal was recommended by Mayor Gavin Newsom to lead
24 the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in 2004 and the members of the Public Utilities
25 Commission appointed her as General Manager in August 2004; and

WHEREAS, As General Manager, her priorities included rebuilding and protecting the
Hetch Hetchy water system for the future, improving and upgrading San Francisco's aging

1 wastewater system and delivering clean power and cleaner power choices to San
2 Franciscans; and

3 WHEREAS, As General Manager, Susan Leal has re-organized the SFPUC along
4 business enterprise lines – water, wastewater and power – and refocused the agency on
5 financial accountability and customer service; and

6 WHEREAS, Susan Leal led the SFPUC to be one of the greenest and most
7 sustainable utilities in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Bay Area water system is more secure, more seismically reliable and
9 more environmentally responsible thanks to Susan Leal's leadership; and

10 WHEREAS, The SFPUC is funding new recycled water and groundwater programs for
11 the first time and as a City the SFPUC finally leads when it comes to water conservation; and

12 WHEREAS, Susan Leal is a strong proponent of tap water and has worked to reduce
13 our reliance on bottled water; and

14 WHEREAS, In wastewater, she had made neighborhoods safer from the risk of
15 flooding during major storms and initiated plans to replace our crumbling sewers and aging
16 digesters at the Southeast Treatment Plant; and

17 WHEREAS, Susan Leal has made San Francisco one of the first cities in the nation to
18 turn waste grease and oil into clean biofuel; and,

19 WHEREAS, Susan Leal worked to triple our production of solar energy on City
20 facilities, working to bring green power to the Bayview Hunters Point community and shutter
21 all of the dirty power plants once and for all while also initiating efforts to study geothermal
22 power in the Bay Area; and

23 WHEREAS, Under Susan Leal's leadership, the SFPUC is now a recognized leader in
24 the country among utilities leading the effort to combat and prepare for climate change; now,
25 therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Susan Leal for all of her
dedication to the citizens of San Francisco during the past 15 years as a member of the
Board of Supervisor's, as the City's Treasurer and Tax Collector and as the General Manager
to the Public Utilities Commission; and be it

**Supervisor Dufty, Ammiano, Peskin, Maxwell, Chu, Elsbernd, Alioto-Pier, Sandoval, Mirkarimi, Daly, McGoldrick

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares the
2 month of April 2008, Susan Leal Month in the City and County of San Francisco.
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