1	[Roger Casement Day - October 28, 2025]
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3	Resolution recognizing October 28, 2025, as Roger Casement Day in the City and
4	County of San Francisco.
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6	WHEREAS, Roger Casement was an Irish patriot, diplomat and pioneering activist for
7	the human rights of indigenous peoples; and
8	WHEREAS, The Casement Report, written by Casement in 1904, detailed the abuses
9	in the Congo Free State against the Congolese population, including the atrocities committed
10	by colonial administrators under the rule of King Leopold II of Belgium, and was instrumental
11	in Leopold relinquishing his private holdings in Africa and ending the exploitation of the Congo
12	for its natural resources; and
13	WHEREAS, Casement was knighted in 1911 for his investigations of human rights
14	abuses in the rubber industry in Peru; and
15	WHEREAS, Casement was an Irish revolutionary and in 1905 joined the Sinn Féin
16	party, which called for an independent Ireland, and organized public and political support on
17	behalf of Ireland's efforts to achieve independence; and
18	WHEREAS, In 1914, Casement traveled to Germany and negotiated the government's
19	public support for Irish independence and, while there, worked to recruit an Irish Brigade that
20	would be trained to fight against Britain in the cause of Irish Independence and secure
21	shipments of arms and ammunition; and
22	WHEREAS, Casement was martyred for his role in the 1916 Easter Uprising, one of
23	the most significant uprisings in Ireland and the first armed conflict of the Irish revolutionary
24	period; and
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1	WHEREAS, Casement was stripped of his knighthood in June of 1916, executed on
2	August 3, and was buried in the prison cemetery; and
3	WHEREAS, in 1965, Casement's remains were repatriated to Ireland and despite the
4	annulment of his title, the 1965 UK Cabinet record of his repatriation refers to him as "Sir
5	Roger Casement"; and
6	WHEREAS, Despite the stripping of his title, attempts to malign him for his
7	homosexuality, and his execution for acts of treason, Roger Casement is remembered fondly
8	for his efforts to expose and end the colonial atrocities in the Congo and the Putomayo region
9	and his pioneering activism; and
10	WHEREAS, The Consulate General of Ireland, Neale Richmond, TD, Ireland's Ministe
11	of State for International Trade and Diaspora, and the Rainbow Honor Walk will honor Roger
12	Casement with an unveiling of a bronze plaque to be installed in the Castro District on
13	October 28, 2025; now, therefore, be it
14	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15	does hereby designate October 28, 2025, as "Roger Casement Day" in his honor, to
16	commemorate his legacy, his contributions to expose colonial atrocities, and his championing
17	of self-determination and independence for all oppressed peoples.
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