

1 [St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Day - November 7, 2021]

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3 **Resolution recognizing November 7, 2021, as St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian**
4 **Church Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Armenian Community has been a vibrant component of San
7 Francisco since the early 1900's; and

8 WHEREAS, The St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church parish was
9 organized in 1953 by survivors of the Armenian Genocide and their children to meet the
10 needs of the growing Armenian Community in San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, The community purchased property at 51 Commonwealth Ave in 1956
12 to serve as the religious center of the community; and

13 WHEREAS, The new church sanctuary was constructed in 1965 and consecrated
14 by Archbishop Hrant Khachadourian in 1966; and

15 WHEREAS, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church parish has grown to be a
16 religious and cultural cornerstone for the Armenian-American Community of San
17 Francisco and Bay Area; and

18 WHEREAS, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Parish has supported
19 community and cultural organizations over the years, establishing the Krouzian- Zekarian-
20 Vasbouragan Armenian School in 1980; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2020, arsonists set fire to the parish building and cultural center
22 located adjacent to the church causing severe damage in a hate crime against the
23 Armenian community; and

24 WHEREAS, The citizens of San Francisco stand against all forms of hate and
25 rallied around the Armenian community; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco
2 join the Armenian community in marking the 55th Anniversary of the St. Gregory the
3 Illuminator Armenian Church sanctuary; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the
5 incredible bravery and resiliency that the Armenian Community had in the face of hate, be
6 it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San
8 Francisco, join the Armenian Community of San Francisco in celebrating the 55th
9 Anniversary of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church and do hereby
10 proclaim November 7, 2021, as St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Day in San
11 Francisco.



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Resolution

File Number: 211136

Date Passed: November 02, 2021

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November 02, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/2/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

11/12/2021

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

11/12/2021

Date