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5 WHEREAS, May 1 commemorates the beginning of labor unrest that led to the
6 Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, Illinois; and,

7 WHEREAS, Many countries celebrate May 1 as International Worker’s Day; and,

8 WHEREAS, Because of these and other antecedents, May 1 has become an
9 international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the working class and
10 labor movement; and,

11 WHEREAS, May 1, 2006 was chosen by immigrant groups in the United States as the
12 day for the Great American Boycott, in which millions of immigrants and their supporters did
13 not go to work, missed school and left home to march on the streets demanding better
14 conditions for an estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants; and,

15 WHEREAS, An estimated 750,000 people protested in San Francisco on the same
16 date, indicative of the imperative need for comprehensive immigration reform and
17 compassionate laws; and,

18 WHEREAS, Although multitudinous, this demonstration indeed was peaceful, well
19 organized and caused no disruptions to the city but clearly made a statement in support of
20 immigrants who live here regardless of their legal status; and,

21 WHEREAS, This demonstration was organized by a coalition of immigrant rights and
22 multiethnic groups, churches, unions, youth and anti-war groups and pro-justice organizations
23 who operated independently but gathered under the name of “Coalision Primero de Mayo” or
24 “May 1 Coalition;” and,

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1 WHEREAS, The same coalition has planned a demonstration to be held on May 1,
2 2007 for the same purpose and to join numerous marches and protests planned nationwide
3 and in solidarity with immigrant workers; and,

4 WHEREAS, The May 1, 2007 march and protest is intended to ask for unconditional
5 amnesty, a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and the protection of human,
6 civil, and labor rights of undocumented workers; and,

7 WHEREAS, The May 1, 2007 march and protest rejects the guest worker program,
8 anti-immigrant legislation, militarizing the US-Mexico border but more importantly, it urges a
9 stop the deportation of immigrants thus the separation of families; and,

10 WHEREAS, the right to protest will be exercised on May 1, 2007 and the rights of
11 immigrants will be voiced and heard on the same date;

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco as Sanctuary and Refugee City embraces diversity,
13 immigrants and all human beings; and,

14 WHEREAS, The city recognizes the contributions of immigrant workers, regardless of
15 their legal status, to the city's economy; therefore, be it,

16 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 proclaims May 1, 2007 as Immigrant Workers Day in San Francisco.

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