

1 [Arbor Week - March 7, 2020, through March 14, 2020]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 7, 2020, through March 14, 2020, as Arbor Week in the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Arbor Week 2020 is celebrated in San Francisco March 7 through March
7 14; and

8 WHEREAS, Arbor Week in San Francisco highlights the importance of care and
9 maintenance of the urban forest, educates community partners and residents on how to keep
10 trees strong, healthy and beautiful, and emphasizes the vitality and beauty trees bring to our
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Trees are our living green infrastructure and serve as the lungs of the City,
13 producing oxygen, cleaning the air, sequestering carbon and helping manage storm water;
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15 WHEREAS, StreetTreeSF, the citywide street tree and tree-related sidewalk
16 maintenance program, maintains trees and improves the condition of surrounding sidewalks
17 to preserve San Francisco’s urban forest; and

18 WHEREAS, StreetTreeSF mitigates tree and tree-related sidewalk hazards to keep the
19 public safe; and

20 WHEREAS, On March 7, Public Works staff planted 100 new street trees in District 8
21 neighborhoods; and

22 WHEREAS, Each year San Francisco Public Works plants a signature tree dedicated
23 to a community, cultural or civic leader; and

24 WHEREAS, This year’s signature tree in San Francisco is dedicated to the late Cynthia
25 Chono, a devoted mother, beloved Public Works employee for 37 years and treasured

1 colleague and friend to many; Cynthia rose through the ranks to the position of director of
2 emergency management, a position she took on with passion and resolve, collaborating with
3 city, state and federal partners to promote resiliency of public infrastructure and disaster
4 preparedness; the extent of Cynthia’s portfolio was immense and diverse; and

5 WHEREAS, The 2020 signature tree is a *Quercus agrifolia*, more commonly known as
6 a Coast live oak tree, a symbol of strength, long life and quiet power; and

7 WHEREAS, The signature tree, to be planted on the median of the 1100 block of
8 Webster Street across the street from Fire Station No. 5, is one of 124,000-plus street trees in
9 San Francisco under the stewardship of San Francisco Public Works; and

10 WHEREAS, Planting and caring for trees contributes to a sustainable environment for
11 future generations and makes our great city more livable; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim
13 March 7, 2020, through March 14, 2020, as Arbor Week in the City and County of San
14 Francisco.

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