

1 [Commending Supervisor Bevan Dufty]

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3 **Resolution Commending and Honoring Supervisor Bevan Dufty for his distinguished**
4 **service as a Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Bevan Dufty has served the people of the City and County of
7 San Francisco with devotion, forethought, and vision for eight years as a member of the San
8 Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Dufty was elected in December 2002 and re-elected in
10 November 2006 to represent San Francisco's District 8, encompassing Noe Valley, the
11 Castro, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Duboce Triangle, Dolores Park and San Jose/Guerrero,
12 and Buena Vista Heights neighborhoods; and

13 WHEREAS, At 21, Supervisor Dufty worked on Capitol Hill in the most powerful
14 legislative arena in the world and decades later, as Director of Neighborhood Services at the
15 Mayor's Office in San Francisco, where he came to realize that it is really local government
16 that has the power to change lives in a tangible way by honoring the public trust, by being
17 timely, responsive, respectful and by solving one problem at a time, something he has
18 continued to live by during his term as a Member of the Board of Supervisors; and

19 WHEREAS, On a community level, he has continued to work in close partnership with
20 neighborhood and merchant groups throughout District 8, always determined to address any
21 problem, large or small, by bringing together concerned neighbors, merchants, community
22 organizations, and City departments; and

23 WHEREAS, Supervisor Dufty has been a tireless advocate for safe and vibrant
24 neighborhoods throughout District 8, spearheading the successful effort establishing
25 Community Benefit Districts for the Castro and Noe Valley, tremendously transforming the

1 experience and quality of life of being in these neighborhood for residents, merchants, and
2 visitors; and

3 WHEREAS, Supervisor Dufty, recognized that an increasing number of young adults
4 were living on the streets and understood that many of these young people and others in the
5 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community were deeply
6 affected by addiction to Crystal Meth; and

7 WHEREAS, With the partnership of various non-profits, city agencies, and community
8 leaders, Supervisor Dufty established the Castro Youth Housing Initiative, a housing program
9 for LGBTQ homeless in the Castro and created a collaborative program providing wrap
10 around services including Larkin Street, Lyric, LGBTQ Center, and Dimensions, currently
11 housing more than 20 young adults and is the centerpiece of an amazing partnership between
12 these agencies serving LGBTQ youth and young adults; and

13 WHEREAS, In collaboration with Mayor Gavin Newsom, Supervisor Dufty chaired and
14 established the Crystal Meth Task Force, the first in the country, starting with only three
15 agencies in San Francisco providing Meth-related services to now more than 17; and

16 WHEREAS, Working with his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors and community
17 members, Supervisor Dufty created and worked tirelessly to secure funding for the
18 Transgender Economic Empowerment Initiative, which forged a partnership between Jewish
19 Vocational Services, the LGBTQ Center, and the Transgender Law Center, placing over 100
20 people in new jobs, and providing training to City agencies and other employers on making
21 workplaces around the City more welcoming; making the initiative a model for other cities
22 around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Supervisor Dufty's, or simply known as Bevan to everyone, cell phone is
24 the best known number throughout the city allowing him to take phone calls or texts from
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1 constituents, lobbyists, colleagues, and friends at any hour of the day, bringing the concept of
2 accessibility and responsiveness to a whole new level; and

3 WHEREAS, Supervisor Dufty will always be remembered for his tremendous loyalty to
4 friends, staff, and city colleagues and for serving as a devoted mentor to scores of individuals
5 throughout San Francisco's City government and around the country, from our nation's
6 capital, Sacramento, and Los Angeles; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of their officers, employees and
8 residents of this City, recognizes Supervisor Dufty's vast contributions to improving this City,
9 and that his statesmanship, independence, intellect, tremendous sense of humor, energy,
10 passion, high quality work, tireless devotion to solve and be responsive to his District's
11 residents issues and concerns will be greatly missed by all, not least by his colleagues; and,
12 be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered
14 to Supervisor Bevan Dufty as a token of the great affection and respect in which he is held by
15 the Board of Supervisors and express to him their appreciation for his high quality work, their
16 thanks for his presence and their high hopes for his future.

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