

1 [Russell J. Gumina Day - March 12, 2016]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 12, 2016, as Russell J. Gumina Day in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Russell J. Gumina, known fondly as “Russ” herein, is a native San
7 Franciscan born in 1944, raised in North Beach, and an Alumni of Sean & Paul Grammar
8 School, Sacred Heart High School, the University of San Francisco and USF School of Law;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Russ attended the Salesian Boys’ Club, where he joined as a member of
11 staff in 1969 and where he has continued his employment for 65 years, affirming the
12 importance of the Club’s mission to work with underprivileged children, as modeled by Saint
13 John Bosco; and

14 WHEREAS, Russ helped make the Salesian Boys’ Club a community mainstay in
15 North Beach and San Francisco as its Executive Director, from 1988 to 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, Russ joined the 5th Judge Advocate General’s Military Law Center
17 Reserve Unit and completed his active duty training at Fort Polk Military Installation in
18 Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, Russ was presented with the Miriam Joseph Farrell Award for being an
20 Outstanding Grammar School Teacher by the Secretary of Education in Washington D.C.;
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22 WHEREAS, Russ served in the Active Army Reserve for a period of 25 years, attaining
23 the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 and retiring in 1993; and

24 WHEREAS, Russ was a talented athlete at the University of San Francisco and
25 became a draft pick of the Boston Celtics; and

1 WHEREAS, Russ is proud to be a former member of the San Francisco Italian Athletic
2 Club and a former member of the Sacred Heart Cathedral High School Board of Regents; and

3 WHEREAS, Russ is a prominent member of the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame,
4 Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory Hall of Fame and the University of San Francisco Hall of
5 Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Russ received the Father Oreste Award, Anthony Barbieri Humanitarian
7 Award, the LaSallian/Vicentian Award and was honored by The Italian-Irish-Israeli Society for
8 his contributions to the North Beach community; and

9 WHEREAS, Russ established the Salesian endowment worth \$1,400,000 today for
10 educational scholarships for boys and girls of the Salesian Boys' Club, with the inclusion of
11 girls in 1994, after which the Club was renamed the Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club; and

12 WHEREAS, The Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club robust bequeathed scholarship fund,
13 created by Russ, has sent close to 40 children to the University of San Francisco on full or
14 partial college scholarships; and

15 WHEREAS, The Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club offers boys and girls team sports,
16 including basketball, soccer, baseball, and volleyball, as well as martial arts and performing
17 arts classes; and

18 WHEREAS, Russ's mentorship and stewardship of the scholarship fund over the past
19 28 years enabled an average of 200 children per day to receive tutoring and academic
20 assistance; and

21 WHEREAS, Russ has spearheaded a \$10.5 million renovation and expansion of the
22 Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club, with the renovated facilities including a state-of-the art renovated
23 indoor gymnasium, a theatre room and performance stage, a new multipurpose game room
24 and multimedia lounge, a modernized library for tutorials and computer training, a modern-day
25 kitchen facility for new culinary arts programming and new administrative offices; and

1 WHEREAS, Russ is a dedicated and loving husband to Jilda DiBona Gumina and was
2 a dedicated and loving husband to his first love and wife, Dena Cooper Gumina, now
3 deceased; and

4 WHEREAS, Russ has had the joyful blessing and honor to be the Father of six
5 children, Lisa, Jennifer, John, Erin, Joseph and Amanda and further blessed to be the
6 grandfather of ten thriving and healthy grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 applauds Russ Gumina’s exceptional contributions to his North Beach neighborhood and
9 extended San Francisco community; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco recognizes Russ Gumina’s significant investment in our youth and commitment to
12 ensuring every child at the Salesian Boys’ and Girls’ Club has a tireless advocate dedicated to
13 helping youth reach his or her potential; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares March 12, 2016,
15 Russell J. Gumina Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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