

1 [Intent to install a Commemorative Plaque at 575 Castro Street Recognizing Harvey Milk]

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3 **Resolution to provide for the installation of a second plaque at 575 Castro Street, the**
4 **location of Harvey Milk’s former camera shop in the Castro Neighborhood, to identify**
5 **his significant contributions to San Francisco and to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and**
6 **Transgender Community.**

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8 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk made history as the first openly gay elected official in
9 California, and one of the first in the nation, when he won election to the San Francisco Board
10 of Supervisors in November 1977; and,

11 WHEREAS, His camera store and campaign headquarters at 575 Castro Street and his
12 apartment upstairs were centers of community activism for a wide range of human rights,
13 environmental, labor, and neighborhood issues; and,

14 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk’s hard work and accomplishments on behalf of all San
15 Franciscans earned him widespread respect and support; and,

16 WHEREAS, His life is an inspiration to all people committed to equal opportunity and
17 an end to bigotry, and,

18 WHEREAS, The story of his incredible courage and vision has been well documented
19 in such best selling literature as *The Mayor of Castro Street*, the documentary *The Times of*
20 *Harvey Milk*, and the Oscar award winning movie *MILK*; and

21 WHEREAS, Locations such as the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, San Francisco's
22 Harvey Milk Plaza and the Harvey Milk Recreation are recognizing and honoring Harvey
23 Milk's impact and distinctive contributions to our City and community; and

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1 WHEREAS, in February 2007, as a lasting tribute to his service and to memorialize his
2 life's work, the City of San Francisco agreed to erect a bust of Supervisor Harvey Milk and to
3 have it placed in City Hall with a gala celebration in 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, 573-575 Castro Street, the location of Harvey Milk's Residence and his
5 small business Castro Camera, has been designated a historical landmark by the City and
6 County of San Francisco on May 22, 2000, what would have been his 70th birthday; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares its intent to initiate the process in
9 accordance with Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street Plaque
10 Ordinance, for installation of a commemorative plaque honoring and recognizing the life of
11 Harvey Milk at 575 Castro Street; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public
13 Works to work with the District 8 Supervisor, local neighborhood organizations, and other
14 interested organizations, to provide a commemorative plaque, expeditiously process such
15 request, and return to the Board for final action on the commemorative street plaques.

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