

1 [Laurence Kornfield Day - August 7, 2016]

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3 **Resolution declaring Sunday, August 7, 2016, as Laurence Kornfield Day in the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Laurence Kornfield has served the City and County of San Francisco as a
7 tireless advocate for building safety and sustainability, and urban vitality for over 25 years;
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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield has served as Chief Building Inspector, Deputy Director of
10 the Department of Building Inspection, Manager for the Community Action Plan for Seismic
11 Safety, Code Advisor to the Board of Appeals and the administrator of numerous and
12 invaluable earthquake safety, sustainable development, and urban improvement programs;
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14 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted legislation implementing
15 the Community Action Plan for Seismic Safety (CAPSS) based largely on his efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, Under this program the most vulnerable of the City's housing and
17 neighborhood resources will now remain sustainable for future generations of tenants, home
18 and business owners; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield continues to serve the City and County of San Francisco in
20 the new Earthquake Safety Implementation Program, an outgrowth of the CAPSS program;
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield has been an outstanding advocate for the disabled
23 community of San Francisco, not only as a Chief Building Inspector but as Commodore for
24 Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors and in numerous other community capacities; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield’s service to the San Francisco live music and nightlife
2 community extends well beyond drafting the San Francisco Entertainment Commission
3 charter as their first Commission Secretary, but includes service protecting performance
4 venues wherever possible, sole advocacy for the lively arts on the Board of Supervisors Noise
5 Task Force, and regularly attending even the worse cabaret performances in San Francisco;
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7 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield created ScrapHouse, an internationally acclaimed model
8 home constructed entirely of materials reclaimed from the waste stream, as a show piece of
9 our City of Art and Innovation when San Francisco hosted United Nations’ World Environment
10 Day; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield’s numerous SF Government Television (SFGovTV) series
12 have been hugely popular as these programs including the award winning *Stay Safe*, have
13 been among SFGovTV’s most watched and entertaining offers, informing San Franciscans on
14 subjects as diverse as earthquake preparedness, urban forestry, and exploring our
15 neighborhoods; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects and the Earthquake Engineers
17 Research Institute have saluted him with their highest honors for his continued efforts in
18 ensuring a viable and sustainable built environment; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield has brought wisdom and knowledge to his leadership in
20 problem solving in San Francisco, resolving code and enforcement conflicts across the City
21 and throughout our neighborhoods; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield has tirelessly sought to harmonize the many elements of our
23 built environment: codes and technology with reliability and practicality, aesthetics and good
24 design, resilience, sustainability, and social responsibility; and

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1 WHEREAS, He has advocated for public policy involvement in the development of
2 codes and standards for building performance, orchestrating improvements and amendments
3 to San Francisco codes and land use policies enhancing our built environment and enriching
4 life in the City; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornfield has led research, coauthored scientific papers, secured
6 patterns improving building safety and lectured widely making him a celebrated figure among
7 building officials and the international building safety community bringing honor and
8 acclamation to San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors applauds Mr. Laurence Kornfield's service
10 to our residents, and his exceptional contributions to the City and County of San Francisco;
11 and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares August 7, 2016,
13 Laurence Kornfield Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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