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6 WHEREAS, Joseph B. Williams has recently retired after a long and dedicated career
7 as a criminal defense lawyer; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon moving to San Francisco Joseph became a trailblazer for Civil
9 Rights in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

10 WHEREAS, Joseph founded the San Francisco Black Leadership Forum, became a
11 member of the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals and the Charter Commission, served
12 as Vice President of the San Francisco Mental Health Board, and was a judge of the Moot
13 Court of Boalt Hall, University of California; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1958 to 1976 Joseph was a member of the Board of Directors of the
15 San Francisco branch of the NAACP, serving as chairman of the Legal Redress and Labor
16 Committees, where he worked with corporate employers to provide job opportunities to
17 qualified minority applicants.

18 WHEREAS, Joseph was a dedicated member of the Advisory Commission of the
19 Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore serving for more
20 than 25 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Joseph's influential work and constant presence within the community has
22 been an inspiration for all community members; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors dedicate Sunday, February 5, 2006, to
24 recognize Joseph Williams' outstanding career and dedication that he has shown for the City
25 and the people of San Francisco.