

1 [Commemorative Plaque Designation – José Sarria Court.]

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3 **Resolution designating the public sidewalk fronting 3555 16th Street as eligible for the**
4 **installation and maintenance of a commemorative plaque, pursuant to Public Works**
5 **Code section 789.2(a), in order to honor José Sarria, who is one of the most heroic,**
6 **courageous, colorful, and creative figures in San Francisco’s history; and urging**
7 **official actions in connection with this designation.**

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed resolution 060027 on
9 January 31, 2006 renaming 16th Street between Pond Street and Prosper Street to “José
10 Sarria Court” in recognition of one of the most heroic, courageous, colorful, and creative
11 figures in San Francisco’s history; and,

12 WHEREAS, “José Sarria Court” would exemplify the spirit and pride of José Sarria as
13 he almost single-handedly nurtured, protected, and guided San Francisco’s emerging Gay
14 Community; and,

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Castro neighborhood, the heart of San Francisco’s Gay
16 Community, is the ideal place to recognize José Sarria’s courage and leadership in the face of
17 McCarthyism and the absence of any legal protections for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and
18 Transgenders beginning in the 1960s; and,

19 WHEREAS, Public Works Code sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative Street
20 Plaque Ordinance, provide a procedure for the City to authorize the designation of a
21 commemorative location and installation and placement of a commemorative plaque; and,

22 WHEREAS, Prior to official designation of the proposed street as “José Sarria Court”
23 and installation of the commemorative plaque, the Board of Supervisors will obtain all required
24 approvals from this Board and the affected City departments; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall designate, pursuant to Public Works
2 Code section 789.2(a), the sidewalk fronting 3555 16th as eligible for the installation and
3 maintenance of a commemorative plaque that honors José Sarria; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all City departments and
5 commissions to assist in the placement of the José Sarria commemorative plaque and satisfy
6 the requirements of Public Works Code sections 789 et seq.

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