

1 [International Day to end violence against sex workers]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming December 17th as International Day to End Violence Against**
4 **Sex Workers in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers calls attention to
7 hate crimes and violence against sex workers both locally and globally; and

8 WHEREAS, Originally, Dr. Annie Sprinkle, in conjunction with Sex Workers Outreach
9 Project USA conceived this event as a memorial and vigil for the victims of Seattle’s “Green
10 River Killer” in December 2003; and,

11 WHEREAS, International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, December 17th,
12 has grown to become a day of collaboration between sex workers rights organizations and
13 allies worldwide to recognize the basic human rights of sex workers; and,

14 WHEREAS, The prevalence of stigma and discrimination against sex workers fosters
15 an environment where the human rights of sex workers are denied and violence against them
16 is perpetrated; and,

17 WHEREAS, The harm of such discrimination is best evidenced by the brutal hate
18 crimes perpetrated against sex workers; and,

19 WHEREAS, A recently convicted serial murderer confessed that he “picked prostitutes
20 as my victims because I thought I could kill as many of them as I wanted without getting
21 caught”; and,

22 WHEREAS, Persons who provide sexual services should have the right to report any
23 crimes perpetrated against them, and any crimes they witness, without fear of subjecting
24 themselves to prosecution for admitting to being sex workers; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Persons should never be forced into having sex or doing any other act
2 against their will, whether by force or fraud, and whether they are adults or children; and,

3 WHEREAS, All sex workers deserve human rights and equal protection under the law;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes International Day
6 to End Violence Against Sex Workers, and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That December 17th is proclaimed International Day to End
8 Violence Against Sex Workers in San Francisco.

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