

1 [Ed Harrington Day]

2 **Resolution commending Controller Ed Harrington for 17 years of exemplary service to**
3 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

4 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has served the City as Controller of San Francisco for 17
5 years since 1991 with honor and distinction; and

6
7 WHEREAS, during this time, Ed Harrington's transformed the City's Controller's Office
8 from a financial organization to one focused on establishing a well-run and financially-sound
9 City, an informed public, knowledgeable and effective staff, and creating a model City
10 department; and

11 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington has guided and educated four mayors, dozens of members
12 of the Board of Supervisors, and hundreds of department heads and commissioners regarding
13 the city's budget, revenue outlook, bonds and debt financing, and general financial matters
14 within the City; and

15
16 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington's intelligence, integrity and independence has provided
17 Mayors and Boards of Supervisors with timely and accurate financial information used to base
18 critical policy decisions effecting City services; and

19
20 WHEREAS, Ed Harrington's policies and procedures strengthened the City's open
21 record practices, because he opened the San Francisco government's financial books to the
22 public, educational institutions, press, and many other interested parties, and treated all
23 citizens with respect, thus giving them the right to know the financial affairs of the City; and

24
25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington’s dedication and commitment to “good government” has led to the establishment of a whistleblower hotline, performance management program for all city departments, and practical help to improve departments’ operations and programs; and

WHEREAS, because of his knowledge and practical advice on City matters, Ed Harrington has served as a mentor, colleague, and advisor to most department heads, politicians, and commissioners, and has spent many late nights advising leaders on policy goals, labor negotiations, and budget deliberations in order to assure fair and prudent outcomes for the City; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington’s manner and management style gives us confidence that a solution to each City problem can be found and executed; and

WHEREAS, Ed Harrington leaves the office of Controller of the City and County of San Francisco to assume the leadership of the City’s Public Utilities Commission where the City will continue to benefit from his leadership, optimism and skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanks Ed Harrington for his many years of service, and declares Tuesday, April 1st 2008 as “Ed Harrington” Day in San Francisco.