

1 [Commending Supervisor Mark Farrell]

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3 **Resolution Commending and Honoring Supervisor Mark Farrell for his distinguished**
4 **service as a Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell has served the people of the City and County of
7 San Francisco with dedication for more than seven years as a member of the Board of
8 Supervisors and Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell was first voted into office in a close election in
10 2010—mostly due to his father John’s help campaigning relentlessly outside the Marina
11 Safeway—and subsequently re-elected with over 80 percent of the vote in San Francisco’s
12 District 2 in 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell’s primary focus was on ensuring that all
14 neighborhoods in District 2 were adequately represented because those were the
15 communities where he was born and raised and where he now raises his own family; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell brought his whiz-kid mastery of Excel and his
17 financial prowess to help restore and grow San Francisco’s economy and City budget after
18 the Great Recession, having served as the longest-tenured Budget and Finance Committee
19 Chair in the City’s history; and

20 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell also served as Chair of the Land Use and
21 Transportation committee, where he and his committee members oversaw and debated
22 important land use, housing, economic development and transportation policies and
23 proposals; and

24 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell prioritized work outside of City Hall just as much
25 as he did inside, helping to spearhead the Francisco Park Project—which will turn a 60-year

1 abandoned reservoir into a new citywide park—in addition to his work revamping and
2 drastically expanding the Shared Schoolyards Project to open public schoolyards on the
3 weekends for families and children to use and enjoy; and

4 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell’s top priorities included homelessness, public
5 safety, quality of life, parks and open spaces, fiscal responsibility, public health, mental health,
6 housing, equity, connectivity, women’s rights, gun safety, environment, workforce, economic
7 development, transportation, and LGBT-friendly policies, to name a few; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of the above areas Supervisor Farrell, with the help of his dedicated
9 and extremely talented staff, community and colleagues, introduced and approved multiple
10 pieces of legislation – many of which were first-in-the-country in an effort to improve San
11 Francisco for its residents, businesses and visitors; and

12 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mark Farrell authored and introduced three voter-approved
13 initiatives that solved San Francisco’s \$4.4 billion unfunded healthcare liability, infused \$1
14 billion over 30-years to improve parks and open spaces in every neighborhood and connected
15 the homeless to shelter, services, and housing; and

16 WHEREAS, Many may not be aware that Supervisor Farrell’s ability to accomplish all
17 that he did was completely fueled by his insatiable desire for green tea, almonds, poke and
18 the occasional vodka soda or two; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Farrell is first and foremost a father, husband and son, having
20 coached his all children’s sports teams while being a Supervisor, while also holding down a
21 second job in a business that he founded, and training for the San Francisco Marathon or
22 Spartan Race; and

23 WHEREAS, Under Supervisor Farrell’s term, District 2 and San Francisco were left in a
24 better place than when he first found it; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, on behalf of their officers,
2 employees, and the residents of this City, recognizes Supervisor Farrell for his passion and
3 tireless devotion to serving District 2 and all of San Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered
5 to Supervisor Mark Farrell as a token of the affection and respect in which he is held by the
6 Board of Supervisors, and to express to him their appreciation for his service and their high
7 hopes for his future.

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