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6 WHEREAS, On November 8, 1977, after three attempts and a growing credibility with
7 San Francisco voters, Harvey Milk was elected to the Board of Supervisors, thus becoming
8 the first openly gay elected official of any large city in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's vision of the Castro neighborhood of the 1970s led him to
10 found the Castro Valley Association which enabled the growing Gay community to become
11 politically organized and thereby gain support from unions and civic leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's business, Castro Camera, grew into a central welcoming
13 ground of political activity and neighborhood pride, and that its location at 573–575 Castro
14 Street is now protected as San Francisco Landmark No. 227; and

15 WHEREAS, the story of Harvey Milk's courage and vision has been documented in
16 such best selling literature as *The Mayor of Castro Street*, and throughout the performing arts
17 including the award-winning documentary *The Times of Harvey Milk*, the popular Broadway
18 play, *Execution of Justice*, and the 1995 opera, *Harvey Milk*; and

19 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's memory and unique contributions are honored by such civic
20 institutions and locations as Harvey Milk High School in New York City, San Francisco's
21 Harvey Milk Plaza, the Harvey Milk Institute, the Harvey Milk Recreation Center, and the
22 Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered Democratic Club; and

23 WHEREAS, in February 2007, as a lasting tribute to his service and to memorialize his
24 life's work, the City of San Francisco agreed to erect a bust of Supervisor Harvey Milk and to
25 have it placed in City Hall with a gala celebration in 2008; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors the life and times of
2 Harvey Milk and commemorates the 30th Anniversary of his election to office.

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