

1 [Arbor Day - March 12, 2011]
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3 **Resolution declaring March 12, 2011, as Arbor Day.**
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5 WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be
6 called "Arbor Day" to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture; and,

7 WHEREAS, This holiday has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in
8 many countries around the world; and,

9 WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees
10 in Nebraska; and,

11 WHEREAS, Trees clean the air, produce oxygen, beautify our communities, increase
12 property values, and are a source of beauty, joy and spiritual renewal; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works, the Department of the Environment, the
14 Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Housing Authority, the Friends of the
15 Urban Forest, the San Francisco Parks Trust, and the San Francisco Unified School District
16 have worked collaboratively to host Arbor Day activities; and,

17 WHEREAS, Community volunteers and City workers will be planting trees on Arbor
18 Day to enhance San Francisco's Urban Forest; and,

19 WHEREAS, Arbor Day will commence with a signature tree planting honoring long-
20 time Friends of the Urban Forest volunteer and tree-planter extraordinaire, Charlie Starbuck;
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, This event is being supported by many sponsors, partners, and
23 community organizations; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Planting and caring for trees contributes to a sustainable environment for
2 future generations; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares March 12, 2011 as “Arbor Day” in
4 the City and County of San Francisco.

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