

1 [Buck Delventhal Day - November 20, 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring November 20, 2013, as Buck Delventhal Day in San Francisco in**  
4 **recognition of his receipt of two prestigious awards honoring his contributions in the**  
5 **field of municipal law and his longstanding service and ongoing leadership in the San**  
6 **Francisco City Attorney's Office.**

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8 WHEREAS, Burk E. Delventhal, known to all as Buck, joined the San Francisco City  
9 Attorney's Office as a Deputy City Attorney on June 17, 1970, and has faithfully served the  
10 City and County of San Francisco in that capacity for more than 43 years; and

11 WHEREAS, During that time, Buck Delventhal has served under four City Attorneys,  
12 and has provided legal advice to eight Mayors, 82 members of the Board of Supervisors, and  
13 countless City officers and employees; and

14 WHEREAS, For many years, Buck Delventhal has been widely recognized throughout  
15 California and the country for his expertise in municipal law; and

16 WHEREAS, During his decades of public service, Buck Delventhal has been an  
17 inspiring teacher and treasured mentor for generations of municipal lawyers, and he continues  
18 to play that role in the City Attorney's Office and as an adjunct professor at University of  
19 California Hastings College of Law; and

20 WHEREAS, Buck Delventhal is known for regaling colleagues, clients and anyone else  
21 willing to listen with tales of his City Hall experiences, arcane details about San Francisco  
22 history, and the benefits of early morning Bay swimming; and

23 WHEREAS, On October 1, 2013, the International Municipal Lawyers Association  
24 awarded Buck Delventhal its Charles S. Rhyne Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is

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1 the highest honor that the International Municipal Lawyers Association bestows on an  
2 attorney; and

3 WHEREAS, On October 11, 2013, the California State Bar's Public Law Section  
4 awarded Buck Delventhal its 2013 Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award. This  
5 award is regarded as the highest honor a governmental lawyer in California can receive; and

6 WHEREAS, Buck Delventhal's receipt of the Charles S. Rhyne Lifetime Achievement  
7 Award and the Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award brings honor not only to  
8 him but also to the Office of the City Attorney and to the City and County of San Francisco;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The people of San Francisco have benefitted immeasurably from the legal  
11 advice and representation that Buck Delventhal has provided to the City over the past 43  
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Buck Delventhal is extraordinary for his deep knowledge, his exceptional  
14 work ethic, his professionalism, fairness, and honesty, his unflagging energy, his teaching and  
15 mentoring of law students and new lawyers, his enduring enthusiasm for the practice of  
16 municipal law, and his abiding love for San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That in celebration of Buck Delventhal's outstanding accomplishments  
18 and contributions to the City and County of San Francisco and his stature and continuing  
19 contributions as one of the leading municipal lawyers in this state and country, as reflected in  
20 the high honors he has received in the past two months from the International Municipal  
21 Lawyers Association and the California State Bar, the Board of Supervisors does hereby  
22 declare November 20, 2013 to be Buck Delventhal Day in San Francisco.

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