

1 [Suzy Loftus Day - January 4, 2011]

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3 **Resolution declaring January 4, 2011, Suzy Loftus Day in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Suzy Loftus has served San Francisco as an Assistant District Attorney
7 since 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Suzy has distinguished herself as one of the District Attorney's finest and
9 most dedicated prosecutors, having served on the office's Gun Specialist, Domestic Violence,
10 Preliminary Hearings, and Elder Abuse teams as well as on the office's Executive Staff as
11 Chief of Policy; and

12 WHEREAS, Her passion for serving as a prosecutor grew out of her lifelong
13 commitment to protecting the most vulnerable in our community, and, to that end, she earned
14 a reputation as an uncompromising advocate for victims in court, whether they were young
15 women suffering abuse, elderly victims of fraud and neglect, or entire neighborhoods
16 struggling with gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, In court, Suzy was known for her command of the law and her fidelity to it.
18 In the Hall of Justice's criminal courtrooms, a prosecutor's reputation for integrity is
19 everything. Among the judges, her colleagues in the Police Department, and her opposing
20 counsel, Suzy is known for her honesty and for having unimpeachable integrity; and

21 WHEREAS, Suzy has a wonderful ability to connect with and honor victims of crime.
22 At first, many victims express fear or even distrust of law enforcement when they first come to
23 the District Attorney's Office or the Police Department. But because Suzy sees it as her
24 mission to fight for every victim, to listen to them and to honor their rights, she won many of
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1 them over and gave them back a little faith in the system. To this day, witnesses and victims
2 from cases she handled years ago still call her to check in and to thank her; and

3 WHEREAS, Suzy has served as a mentor and friend to many of her fellow
4 prosecutors, and is proud of her service on the office's Hiring Committee and her service as
5 an Assistant Managing Attorney overseeing the office's newest attorneys in the Misdemeanor
6 Trial Division; and

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8 WHEREAS, When asked what she's most proud of, Suzy always has the same
9 answer: her large, wonderful family. She and her husband, Tom Loftus, have three beautiful
10 girls, Maureen, Vivian, and Grace. She is especially close with her mother and best friend,
11 Maureen Roche. Despite being a "Super Mom" to three young girls and a full-time
12 prosecutor, she still finds time to be a sister, best friend, and counselor to countless other
13 friends and relatives from San Francisco to New York to Ireland; and

14 WHEREAS, Before becoming a prosecutor, Suzy worked for nearly a decade
15 supporting progressive candidates for office and causes all over America with a focus on
16 equal justice and public education. She was a founding staff member at the White House
17 Project, a group dedicated to electing more women to public office, the Issues Manager at the
18 Barbara Lee Family Foundation, and graduated from the Emerge Campaign Training
19 Program for Democratic women in 2009. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of
20 the San Francisco Women's Political Caucus; and

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22 WHEREAS, In 2009, District Attorney Kamala D. Harris appointed Suzy to the office's
23 Executive Staff as Chief of Policy, a position in which she oversaw the office's policy and
24 programs, communications and public information staff and advised the District Attorney on
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1 pressing legal and management issues as well as local, state and national criminal justice
2 issues and legislation; and

3 WHEREAS, Suzy is leaving city service because she has been appointed to serve as
4 Special Assistant Attorney General in the California Department of Justice. She will serve as
5 a senior advisor to the Attorney General and assist in advancing the new administration's
6 policies and priorities involving local law enforcement, prison reform, prosecuting white-collar
7 crime, and enforcing civil rights laws; now, therefore, be it
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9 RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of
10 San Francisco, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 4, 2011, as SUZY LOFTUS DAY in the
11 City and County of San Francisco, do convey the city's profound and sincere appreciation for
12 all of her efforts to keep our city safe, do congratulate her on her new assignment, and do
13 wish her success in her new assignment seeking justice for the people of the State of
14 California.

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