

1 [Commending Eugene Coleman for his dedication and exemplary service to the residents of
2 San Francisco and Proclaiming February 21, 2006 Eugene Coleman Day in San Francisco.]

3 **Resolution commending Eugene Coleman for his dedication and exemplary service to**
4 **the residents of San Francisco and proclaiming February 21, 2006 as Eugene Coleman**
5 **Day in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman received an Honorable Discharge for serving his
8 country in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division from 1956 through 1959; and,

9 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Findlay
10 College, Ohio, in 1964; and,

11 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman began a lifetime of professional public service in Ohio
12 as a Social Worker, Supervisor of Employment Field Coaches, and Executive Director of
13 Project Impact; and,

14 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman continued his work on behalf of our most vulnerable and
15 neediest residents in Southern California, first as a Probation Officer in Los Angeles County
16 and later as a Community Liaison between the City of Inglewood and its citizens; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 1972 Eugene Coleman began over three decades of tireless work for
18 San Francisco's residents as Director of Emergency School Assistance Program at the
19 Western Addition Community Center, where he served mostly African-American and
20 Japanese youth; and,

21 WHEREAS, For over a decade Eugene Coleman served as Executive Director of the
22 Canon Kip Community House in the South of Market, a multi-service neighborhood center
23 that served a diverse senior, family, and youth population; and,

24 WHEREAS, In his time at Canon Kip Community House, Eugene Coleman ran the
25 city's first senior para-transit program; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Since 1984 Eugene Coleman has provided exemplary service as an
2 employee of the City and County of San Francisco, first as an Ombudsperson and Senior
3 Planner at the San Francisco Department of City Planning and then, for the past eighteen
4 years, as Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Development; and,

5 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman has gone above and beyond the call of duty in his work
6 for the City and County of San Francisco, serving on the City-Wide Alcoholism Advisory
7 Board, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, and the Mayor's Affordable Housing Task
8 Force, among others; and,

9 WHEREAS, In his work for the City and County of San Francisco, Eugene Coleman
10 has overseen the successful implementation of housing, land use, economic development,
11 employment and training, and social service programs; and,

12 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman has coupled his professionalism and fiscal responsibility
13 for a department that allocates millions of dollars annually to community organizations with a
14 calm, open, warm, positive demeanor; and,

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional work, Eugene Coleman has offered an
16 endless supply of his own time, energy, and heart to numerous San Francisco community
17 based organizations that work to improve the quality of life for all of our residents, including
18 Baker Places, St. Anthony's Foundation, 409 House, and the Friendship House Association
19 of American Indians, among others; and,

20 WHEREAS, Through his work with leading African-American organizations, including
21 the Black Leadership Forum, Bay Area Association of Black Social Workers, and Black Men
22 of Action, Eugene Coleman has demonstrated an unshakable commitment to the African-
23 American community; and,

1 WHEREAS, Throughout his professional and personal life, Eugene Coleman has
2 always led by example, inspiring those around him to work and serve with intellect, energy,
3 and compassion; and,

4 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman has shown an extraordinary capacity to see the best in
5 each person, to display personal kindness and compassion, to be sensitive to people of all
6 cultures and races, and to lead with humor and charm; and,

7 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman's lifetime of service was recently recognized through the
8 naming of 85 units of low-income senior housing at Mission Bay in his honor; and,

9 WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman is set to retire from the City and County of San
10 Francisco after decades of honorable and passionate public service; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends and honors Eugene Coleman
12 for all of his dedication and exemplary service to the residents of San Francisco, particularly
13 those most in need; and,

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
15 proclaims the 21st of February as Eugene Coleman Day in San Francisco.

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