

1 [Jodi Schwartz LYRIC Day - December 30, 2021]

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3 **Resolution declaring December 30, 2021, as “Jodi Schwartz LYRIC Day” in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco, in recognition of her significant accomplishments over**  
5 **fifteen years as Executive Director of LYRIC.**

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7 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Jodi Schwartz has worked with youth and their  
8 families in their struggle to disengage from the juvenile justice system, serving as an advocate  
9 for youth to succeed in all aspects of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Jodi began working for social justice as a teenager, during which time she  
11 was fortunate to have mentors of all ages, solidifying her belief that to achieve true social  
12 justice, every generation’s contributions must be seen as invaluable; and

13 WHEREAS, LYRIC is an LGBTQ youth serving nonprofit with a mission to build  
14 community and inspire social change through education enhancement, career training, health  
15 promotion, and leadership development; and

16 WHEREAS, Jodi Schwartz provided consistent, capable leadership throughout fifteen  
17 years as Executive Director of LYRIC from 2005-2020; and

18 WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure as Executive Director, LYRIC developed San  
19 Francisco’s first LGBTQ+ Youth Advocacy Program providing individualized 1:1 support;  
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21 WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure, LYRIC launched the School-Based Initiative to  
22 educate and build allyship among SFUSD students, staff, and families to create learning  
23 environments where LGBTQ+ middle and high school students can thrive; and

24 WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure, LYRIC launched UndocuWorkforce, the Bay Area’s  
25 first paid leadership program for undocumented LGBTQ+ and ally youth; and

1           WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure, LYRIC fought for systemic change such as the  
2 inclusion of 18-24 year old disconnected transitional age youth and the prioritization of  
3 LGBTQQ+ youth as part of San Francisco’s Children and Youth Fund, and ensuring that San  
4 Francisco’s violence prevention initiatives prioritize the TGNC community; and

5           WHEREAS, In 2011 LYRIC received Bank of America’s \$200,000 Neighborhood  
6 Excellence Initiative Award, marking the first time an LGBTQ organization won this prestigious  
7 award; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2013, KQED and Union Bank honored Jodi with the LGBT Local Hero  
9 Award; and

10          WHEREAS, In 2015 LYRIC was selected as one of 15 youth-serving organizations in  
11 California to participate in an Edna McConnell Clark Foundation/William and Flora Hewlett  
12 Foundation three-year Propel Next Partnership, including a \$400,000 grant and intensive  
13 capacity building support; and

14          WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure, LYRIC expanded to over 30 staff and five program  
15 teams; and

16          WHEREAS, In her new role as President of LYRIC, Jodi has taken on a major capital  
17 renovation to increase usable space on LYRIC-owned property by 44%, improving  
18 accessibility, outdoor space, and significantly increasing their capacity to provide on-site  
19 services; now, therefore, be it

20          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
21 hereby declares December 30, 2021 as “Jodi Schwartz LYRIC Day” in the City and County.  
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