

1 [Resolution Honoring Marcus Garvey.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public Works to Honor Marcus Garvey by**  
4 **Renaming Eddy Street Between Laguna and Divisadero “Marcus Garvey Way” and**  
5 **Proclaiming August 17<sup>th</sup> Marcus Garvey Day in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Marcus Garvey was born August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1887 in St. Ann’s Bay, Jamaica and  
8 arrived in Harlem, New York in 1916; and

9 WHEREAS, Marcus Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association  
10 (UNIA) and the African Communities League (ACL) to help improve the conditions under  
11 which the black community lived in the United States and the rest of the world; and,

12 WHEREAS; Among Marcus Garvey’s many achievements, his efforts promoting the  
13 economic development of his community lead to founding of the Negro Factories Corporation  
14 which encompassed cooperative stores, restaurants, and a factory specializing the  
15 manufacture of black dolls as well as the founding of a publishing house and the Black Star  
16 steamship line; and

17 WHEREAS, Marcus Garvey was responsible for founding the “Garvey Movement”  
18 which, at its zenith in the 1920’s, claimed a membership of over three million people in 300  
19 branches world-wide; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Garvey Movement was one of the greatest mass social and  
21 economic justice movements in world history and is recognized as possibly the largest Pan-  
22 African movement in world history; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Marcus Garvey before his death in 1940 accomplished much as a  
2 publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, lecturer, and black nationalist including founding the  
3 People’s Political Party, Jamaica’s first modern political party, and was elected a town  
4 councillor in 1929; and,

5           WHEREAS, Marcus Garvey, for his life’s work promoting the economic, social, artistic  
6 and cultural well-being and heritage of the black community, was proclaimed by the nation of  
7 Jamaica to be its first national hero; and,

8           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco now wishes to help reverse the  
9 trend of its declining African-American population by recognizing the cultural, artistic, distinct  
10 identity and contributions of its black community to the vitality of San Francisco by  
11 memorializing and honoring Marcus Garvey for his accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
13 hereby urges the Department of Public Works to rename that portion of Eddy Street between  
14 Laguna Street and Divisadero Street “Marcus Garvey Way”; and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
16 Francisco hereby proclaims the next and each succeeding August 17<sup>th</sup> Marcus Garvey Day in  
17 San Francisco.

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