[El Farolito FC Day - May 22, 2025]

Resolution declaring May 22, 2025, as El Farolito Football Club (FC) Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, El Farolito Football Club (FC) is an amateur soccer club based in San Francisco's Mission District that takes its name and heritage from the family-owned Taqueria, El Farolito; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1985 by the late Salvador "Don Chava" Lopez, El Farolito emerged from humble beginnings, rising through the ranks of the San Francisco Soccer Football League to claim national glory by winning the United States (U.S.) Open Cup in 1993 under the name Club Deportivo Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Their 1993 victory has forever cemented their name in American soccer history and laid the foundation for decades of grassroots excellence; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, this family-run club has been woven into the Mission's cultural fabric, reflecting the hard work and pride of San Francisco's Latino community; and

WHEREAS, El Farolito has deep roots in the Mission's Latino community, embodying the neighborhood's culture, resilience, and family traditions; and

WHEREAS, The team's players are local residents balancing day jobs with their passion for soccer; and

WHEREAS, In recent U.S. Open Cup tournaments, El Farolito FC has captured national attention by reaching the third round in each of the last two years, upsetting higher-division teams, earning victories over Major League Soccer (MLS) Portland Timbers, MLS Next Pro's Real Monarchs and United Soccer League (USL) Championship's Monterey Bay FC, pushing

Oakland Roots Soccer Club (SC) into extra time and facing a tough loss to the Sacramento Republic FC– showcasing the magic of grassroots soccer and determination; and

WHEREAS, In August, 2024, El Farolito won the semi-pro National Premier Soccer League after beating New Jersey's Motown FC, 2-1, in the final; and

WHEREAS, The current team is led by Head Coach and General Manager Santiago Lopez, who carries forward his father's vision with passion and dedication, and Irene Lopez, the club manager, who plays an integral role in the team's operations; and

WHEREAS, The club's 2024 and 2025 Open Cup run and its storied legacy have inspired Mission District residents and soccer fans across San Francisco and the country, highlighting the city's vibrant cultural diversity and community pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends the players, coaches, and supporters of El Farolito FC for their outstanding achievements and the positive impact they have had on our city; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages all San Franciscans to celebrate El Farolito FC and to recognize the team's role in promoting community and cultural heritage; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declares May 22, 2025, as "El Farolito FC Day" in the City and County of San Francisco to honor the team's contributions to the City's sports and cultural life.



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Resolution

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Daniel Lurie

Mayor

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Angela Calvillo	Date
Clerk of the Board	

Date Approved