

1 [Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops Day - October 27]

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3 **Resolution declaring October 27, 2016, to be Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops**
4 **Day in the City and County of San Francisco, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of**
5 **their founding in 1991.**

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7 WHEREAS, Mission Science Workshop started in 1991 in founder Daniel Sudran's
8 garage, where he opened up his own personal science station and collections of rocks,
9 fossils, bones, and scientific instruments to the largely Spanish-speaking children in his Inner
10 Mission neighborhood on Florida street; and

11 WHEREAS, When more youth began to come visit and express curiosity, Dan decided
12 to expand and moved to the Mission campus of City College, followed by moving to Mission
13 High School in 2004; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2013, Mission Science Workshop opened a new branch in the Excelsior
15 to serve more youth from the Bayview, Excelsior, Visitation Valley, and Daly City; and

16 WHEREAS, The Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops are part of the Community
17 Science Workshop Network, which was founded by Mission Science Workshop in 2010, and
18 now includes sister sites in Salinas, Greenfield, Watsonville, Fresno, and Sanger, California;
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20 WHEREAS, The Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops provide low income and
21 historically underserved youth with hands-on interactive science workshops through
22 classroom visits, and after school and summer programming; and

23 WHEREAS, The Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops have partnered with many
24 community organizations, such as AIM High, the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco, City
25 College of San Francisco, the YMCA, and public elementary, middle, and high schools in the

1 City, to serve San Francisco students and youth; and

2 WHEREAS, The Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops most popular ambassador
3 has been “Grace,” the grey whale that Dan reclaimed from a beach in Pescadero to use for
4 educational and experimental purposes; and

5 WHEREAS, Grace has travelled throughout Central California, providing hands-on
6 experiences in whale anatomy and natural history to children in low-income communities; and

7 WHEREAS, The Mission and Excelsior Science Workshops provide youth with the
8 opportunities to learn about science, do experiments, and encourage children’s natural
9 curiosity about science and the world around them; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of
11 their founding in 1991, hereby declares October 27, 2016, as Mission and Excelsior Science
12 Workshops Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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