

1 [One Billion Rising for Justice Day - February 14, 2014]

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3 **Resolution joining the global call to action opposing violence against women and**
4 **proclaiming February 14, 2014, as “One Billion Rising for Justice Day” in the City and**
5 **County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26,
8 1945, at the Civic Center War Memorial and Performing Arts Center as a commitment of the
9 signatories “to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the
10 human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to
11 establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties
12 and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and
13 better standards of life in larger freedom;” and,

14 WHEREAS, Today, in spite of charters, conventions, and other governmental
15 declarations, globally one billion women – one of every three women – will be raped or beaten
16 in her lifetime: one billion mothers, daughters, sisters, partners, and friends violated; and,

17 WHEREAS, On February 14, 1998, playwright Eve Ensler founded V-Day as a global
18 movement to end violence against women and girls through her 1996 play, “The Vagina
19 Monologues;” and,

20 WHEREAS, The V-Day movement has gained an ever-growing activist following
21 through film and art with the documentary “Until the Violence Stops;” and,

22 WHEREAS, On February 14, 2013, thousands of San Franciscans joined One Billion
23 People around the world to rally to end violence against women and girls; and,

24 WHEREAS, On February 14, 2014, V-Day’s 16th Anniversary will unite the world in a
25 global call to action – One Billion Rising for Justice – as one billion people rise, dance, and

1 move in peaceful celebration and bring about a revolution for a violence-free world, and
2 billions more finally stop and pay attention; and,

3 WHEREAS, The theme of One Billion Rising is Justice and the organizers have
4 teamed up with the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco, the
5 San Francisco District Attorney’s Office, and the Department of the Status of Women to put
6 together the first ever free legal clinic targeting survivors of domestic violence and sexual
7 assault to help those in need; and,

8 WHEREAS, As of January 2014, 13,000 organizations and 170 countries have signed
9 on to plan One Billion Rising for Justice events; and,

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Ensler specially enlisted San Francisco as one of the One Billion
11 Rising for Justice cities to host One Billion Rising for Justice events; and,

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a strong commitment to ensure human rights and
13 equality for all of its residents through its City Charter in providing for such policies through the
14 Human Rights Commission and the Department on the Status of Women; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco in solidarity joins San
16 Franciscans, our Bay Area neighbors, and world leaders and grassroots activists – women,
17 men, girls, and boys – to rise against violence and join the global call to action with One Billion
18 Rising for Justice; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco, on the 16th
20 Anniversary of V-Day, does hereby proclaim February 14, 2014, as “One Billion Rising for
21 Justice Day” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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