

1 [Declaring San Francisco Arbor Week]

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Resolution declaring the week of March 7th through March 14th as Arbor Week in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Trees provide a host of benefits to the City, including improved air quality, increased storm water diversion from our combined sewer system; improved wildlife habitat, improved psychological well-being, and improved aesthetic environment; and,

WHEREAS, The goal of Arbor Week 2009 is to celebrate the City’s accomplishment of planting 25,000 trees since 2005 and to emphasize the importance of caring for these newly planted trees; and,

WHEREAS, Increasing the urban forest supports San Francisco’s Livable Streets Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works, the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, the Recreation and Park Department, SF Environment, Friends of the Urban Forest, SF Parks Trust, the SF Unified School District, American Express, Walgreens, AAA, SF Botanical Garden, SF Public Utilities Commission, SF Housing Authority, SF Laborer’s Union, Local 261, Caltrans, Clean City Coalition, Norcal Waste Systems, Inc., SF Public Library, and SF International Airport have worked collaboratively to host Arbor Week activities; and,

WHEREAS, Arbor Week will commence on Saturday, March 7th with a neighborhood tree planting in Hayes Valley, continue with a ceremonial tree planting on Wednesday, March 11th on South Van Ness Avenue and culminate in a major reforestation effort along Sunset Boulevard on Saturday, March 14th; and,

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the nation and the world; and,

1 WHEREAS, Community volunteers will be planting trees throughout the week; and,

2 WHEREAS, It has been more than 130 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor
3 Day with a simple idea of setting aside a special day for tree planting and care, which is now
4 more important than ever; and,

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 hereby declares March 7th through March 14th as Arbor Week in San Francisco.

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