

1 [Proclaiming November 5, 2010, as Angels in America Day]

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3 Resolution proclaiming November 5, 2010, as Angels in America Day in San Francisco
4 to recognize the tremendous worldwide impact Tony Kushner’s play has had since it
5 first premiered at San Francisco’s Eureka Theater in 1991.

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7 WHEREAS, Few plays of the last fifty years have had the staggering worldwide impact
8 of Tony Kushner’s *Angels in America, A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*; and

9 WHEREAS, *Angels in America* and Tony Kushner have always held a special place in
10 the hearts of San Franciscans since the play premiered at San Francisco’s Eureka Theatre in
11 1991; and

12 WHEREAS, *Angels in America* was one of the first pieces of theatre to address the
13 AIDS crisis and became one of the seminal depictions of the effects of the disease on the gay
14 community in San Francisco and around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Tony Kushner put a human face on the AIDS epidemic that crossed lines
16 of color, religion and class in the characters that populate his play; and

17 Whereas in describing heaven as “a city much like San Francisco: house upon house
18 depended from hillside, from Crest down to dockside”— Tony Kushner affirmed his love for our
19 city; and

20 WHEREAS, “Angels in America” is a rallying cry and celebration of theatre that offered
21 the hope of “more life” at a time when the world needed it most; and

22 WHEREAS, “Angels in America” was made into an HBO miniseries in 2003, becoming
23 the most watched made-for-cable movie that year and also winning both the Golden
24 Globe and Emmy for Best Miniseries; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Museum of Performance & Design, by preserving the amazing
2 history of the Bay Area performing arts, is bringing the “Angels” home to San Francisco at a
3 special event featuring the brilliant playwright Tony Kushner this coming November; and

4 WHEREAS, The stories of the artists involved in the many stages of *Angels in America*
5 will be preserved at the Museum of Performance & Design in the archives of the Museum’s
6 Performing Arts Library, ensuring that future generations will have access to this incredible
7 story and continue to be inspired by the “great work” that Tony Kushner created; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes playwright Tony Kushner for
10 the tremendous personal and social impact his play “*Angels in America*” has had in our city
11 and around the world, earning him a Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1993; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declare
13 November 5th, 2010 as “*Angels in America*” Day in San Francisco.

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