

1 [Daniel Ellsberg Week - April 24 through April 30, 2023]

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3 **Resolution declaring the week of April 24 through April 30, 2023, to be Daniel Ellsberg**
4 **Week in the City and County of San Francisco, in honor of Daniel Ellsberg’s lifelong**
5 **advocacy to achieve peace, prevent nuclear war and address pressing issues facing**
6 **the globe, as a scholar, speaker, writer and activist for more than 50 years.**

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8 WHEREAS, Bay Area resident, Daniel Ellsberg, who has had a lifelong career working
9 to prevent nuclear war, risked life in prison to reveal secret, illegal, and immoral government
10 activities to the people of the United States and the rest of the world by giving the Pentagon
11 Papers to the U.S. Congress and news media in 1971, after becoming greatly disturbed by
12 the U.S. Government’s deceit to the American public during the Vietnam War; and

13 WHEREAS, The leaked documents revealed that the U.S. government during four
14 successive administrations had routinely deceived the news media and the American people
15 about its policies and actions in Vietnam, with a continual pattern of lies to the U.S. public; and

16 WHEREAS, The release of these documents exposed the inner workings of the U.S.
17 government and strengthened the anti-war and anti-nuclear movements; and

18 WHEREAS, In recent years, the increasing danger of nuclear war has been a topic of
19 concern among civilians, experts, activists, and leaders alike, leading to groundswells of
20 grassroots opposition to nuclear weapons due to their horrific capacities to eliminate nearly all
21 human life on this planet; and

22 WHEREAS, The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists has placed its Doomsday Clock
23 measurement of the current risk of nuclear war higher than it has ever been before, and every
24 means of educating people to the dangers is merited; and

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1 WHEREAS, Daniel Ellsberg, a longtime Bay Area Resident, has devoted more than 50
2 years of his life to activism, research, writing, and teaching about nuclear conflict, as a scholar
3 and author, on some of the most important issues facing the Earth; and

4 WHEREAS, As a result of his bravery and subsequent work, he has supported,
5 encouraged, and inspired whistleblowers, journalists, and activists all over the world; and

6 WHEREAS, His dedication to these issues has continued right up to the present
7 moment; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares the week of April 24
9 through April 30, 2023, as Daniel Ellsberg Week, honoring the incredible courage, advocacy
10 and lifelong commitment to humanity by working to prevent nuclear conflict, and holding
11 government institutions accountable, despite great personal risk to his own life; Daniel
12 Ellsberg is a true American patriot and indeed a global hero; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors encourages the public to read his
14 books, articles, and interviews, and view his films and videos, during this week in order to
15 learn about the ongoing profound issues he has so valiantly fought to expose, in order to
16 protect life and the global environment from the devastation of nuclear warfare. These
17 materials can be found at defusenuclearwar.org/ellsberg.

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