

1 [Lights Out San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution to support extinguishing all non-essential lighting in all city government**
4 **buildings, public schools and public landmarks for the hour between 7:00 PM and 8:00**
5 **PM on October 20, 2007 to conserve energy as part of the city-wide energy**
6 **conservation event: Lights Out San Francisco, and establishing October 20, 2007 as**
7 **Lights Out San Francisco Day.**
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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco's greenhouse gas emissions target is a 20% reduction
10 below 1990 levels by the year 2012 and our community has taken a leadership position
11 demonstrating to the world that energy conservation is important and attainable; and,

12 WHEREAS, Lights Out San Francisco is a city-wide energy conservation event with
13 the goal of turning out all non-essential lighting in San Francisco for one hour and
14 encouraging each household to install one energy-efficient light bulb; and,

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16 WHEREAS, Lights Out San Francisco will distribute free energy-efficient light bulbs to
17 residents throughout San Francisco prior to and on October 20; and,

18 WHEREAS, Turning off non-essential lighting for one-hour will result in a 10 to 15%
19 energy savings the night of the event; and,

20 WHEREAS, If every household installs one CFL, annual energy savings will reach
21 approximately 18 Gigawatt hours per year, or 1.3% of total residential energy demand; and,

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23 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is an internationally recognized leader in
24 environmental conservation action; and,

1 WHEREAS, Extinguishing non-essential lights in all city government buildings, public
2 schools and public landmarks for one hour will send a clear message to the world about the
3 importance of energy conservation and position San Francisco as a leader in the effort to
4 stop climate change; and,

5 WHEREAS, The city of Sydney, Australia turned out their lights for one hour, including
6 the lights on the Sydney Opera House, saving more than 24.86 tons of carbon dioxide – the
7 equivalent of taking 48,613 cars off the road for one-hour; and,

8 WHEREAS, Turning non-essential lights off in all city government buildings, public
9 schools and public landmarks will serve as an important rallying point for the city-wide energy
10 conversation event Lights Out San Francisco; and, therefore be it,

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses Lights Out San
12 Francisco’s efforts to conserve energy and raise awareness around global climate change;
13 and, be it,

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages all city
15 employees to turn off all non-essential lighting in city government buildings, public schools
16 and public landmarks for the hour between 7:00 and 8:00 PM on October 20, 2007 to
17 conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change as part of the city-wide
18 energy conservation event: Lights Out San Francisco; and, be it,

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares
20 October 20, 2007 to be “Lights Out San Francisco” day in the City and County of San
21 Francisco.
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