

1 [Declaring World Water Day on March 22, 2007.]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 22, 2007 as World Water Day in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The extent to which water resource development contributes to economic
7 productivity and social well-being is not widely appreciated; and

8 WHEREAS, All social and economic activities rely heavily on the supply and quality of
9 fresh water; and,

10 WHEREAS, As populations and economic activities grow, many countries are rapidly
11 reaching conditions of water scarcity or facing limits to economic development; and,

12 WHEREAS, A recent report by World Wildlife Federation conservation organization
13 shows how the looming water crisis is affecting both rich and poor countries; and,

14 WHEREAS, A recent report by the International Water Management Institute concludes
15 that one-third of the human population, mostly in the developing world, is now short of water;
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, The promotion of water conservation and sustainable management
18 requires public awareness at local, national, regional and international levels; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco is fortunate to enjoy some of the world's highest quality
20 drinking water; and,

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco's drinking water is delivered nearly 170 miles from the High
22 Sierra to the City by gravity, through a sustainable water system that also generates up to 400
23 MW of clean hydropower; and,

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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco and Bay Area ratepayers are spending \$4.3 billion to
2 seismically upgrade and repair the aging regional water system so we have reliable, high
3 quality water for the future, even after a major earthquake; and,

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco has adapted habitat conservation plans for the watershed
5 lands around each of its reservoirs to ensure protection of native species, wildlife and drinking
6 water quality; and,

7 WHEREAS, City and County of San Francisco is committed to conservation,
8 sustainable development and stewardship of water; and,

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of United Nations has designated March 22nd as
10 the World Day for Water to promote public awareness through the publication and diffusion of
11 documentaries and the organization of conferences, round tables, seminars and expositions
12 related to the conservation and development of water resources and the implementation of
13 the recommendations of UN Agenda 21; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 endorses the observance of World Day for Water on March 22, 2007; and be it,

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declare March 22, 2007 as
17 World Water Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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