

1 [Juror Appreciation Week]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 8 through May 14, 2005, Juror Appreciation Week throughout**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of
7 the State of California provide for trial by jury as a fundamental right of citizenship; and

8 WHEREAS, The right to a trial by jury in both criminal and civil cases is guaranteed to
9 every citizen as an essential component of the American legal system; and,

10 WHEREAS, The One-Day/One-Trial term of jury service was implemented in San
11 Francisco County on December 27, 1999 in the interest of reducing the burden of jury service
12 for the citizens and employees of this community; and,

13 WHEREAS, Over 85,000 citizens of San Francisco annually participate in the judicial
14 process by serving as trial jurors; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Commission on Jury Systems Improvement formed by
16 the Judicial Council of California emphasized in its final report to the California Legislature
17 that an effective jury system is of critical importance to public respect for the rule of laws; and,

18 WHEREAS, The California Legislature has declared that the second full week in May
19 of each year shall be proclaimed and celebrated as annual Juror Appreciation Week
20 throughout the state in honor of thousands of citizens who support the jury system; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares May 8 through May 14, 2005, as
23 Juror Appreciation Week throughout the City and County of San Francisco, and in honor of
24 the many citizens of San Francisco who have served in support of the jury system, thereby
25 making the indispensable right of trial by jury successful.