

1 [Resolution Declaring October 2 International Day of Nonviolence and Spinning Wheel
2 Birthday.]

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4 **Resolution declaring October 2 International Day of Non-violence and, in accordance**
5 **with the wishes of Mohandas K. Gandhi commemorating his date of birth, October 2,**
6 **as the Spinning Wheel Birthday.**

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8 WHEREAS, On June 15th, the United Nations marked October 2nd as the
9 International Day of Nonviolence; and

10 WHEREAS, October 2 is also the birth date of the late Mohandas “Mahatma” K.
11 Gandhi; and,

12 WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi, during his lifetime, was offered the honor of an official
13 holiday for his birthday, but preferred instead that the date be designated the “Spinning
14 Wheel Birthday”; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Spinning Wheel became the symbol of India’s resistance to British
16 Rule as a tool of economic opportunity that would assist the most disenfranchised in Indian
17 society with a means to meet one of society’s most basic needs – clothing; and,

18 WHEREAS, The use of the spinning wheel was a nonviolent societal effort - part of his
19 Constructive Programme for India - which allowed everyone in society to contribute and
20 participate in the emancipation from foreign rule and poverty; and,

21 WHEREAS, On October 2nd, San Franciscans will be invited to consider what would
22 be the equivalent of a spinning wheel today in our city by considering what product or service
23 could anyone, especially the most economically marginalized, provide themselves or to
24 anyone else that is an essential need to everyone whether it be in the realm of food, clothing,
25 shelter, health care, education or other essential human needs; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 hereby declares this and each successive October 2 the International Day of Non-Violence;
3 and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco hereby declares this and each successive October 2 as Spinning Wheel Birthday,
6 to commemorate the birthday of Mohandas K. Gandhi and his legacy of non-violence.

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