

1 [Dia de Portugal, de Camões, e das Comunidades Portuguesas - June 10, 2024]

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3 **Resolution recognizing June 10, 2024, as Dia de Portugal, de Camões, e das**  
4 **Comunidades Portuguesas in honor of the countless Portuguese-American individuals**  
5 **who have contributed to the City and County of San Francisco and the broader San**  
6 **Francisco Bay Area.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Portuguese presence in California and the San Francisco Bay Area  
9 has been significant, predating the establishment of the state and the incorporation of San  
10 Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, Immigrants from Portugal, like those from diverse backgrounds, arrived in  
12 significant numbers during the California Gold Rush, enriching the cultural tapestry of the  
13 region; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout history, notable individuals such as Captain António Mendes  
15 and organizations like the Associação Portuguesa de Beneficiencia de Califórnia have left  
16 indelible marks on San Francisco's development; and

17 WHEREAS, The vibrant Portuguese-American community has played pivotal roles in  
18 various spheres, from establishing the first Portuguese-language periodical to fostering  
19 cultural and civic engagement through initiatives such as the Cabrillo Civic Club; and

20 WHEREAS, The Portuguese-American Bank of San Francisco, formed in 1905, stands  
21 as a testament to the community's entrepreneurial spirit and economic contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, The contributions of Portuguese-Americans extend beyond historical  
23 achievements, with individuals like Joseph Freitas, Jr. serving as district attorney for the City  
24 and County of San Francisco; and

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1           WHEREAS, The 50th anniversary of the Carnation Revolution in 2024 marks a  
2 significant milestone in Portugal's journey towards democracy, resonating with the  
3 Portuguese-American community's values of freedom and justice; and,

4           WHEREAS, The Consul-General of the Portuguese Republic, headquartered in San  
5 Francisco, serves a vast jurisdiction, reflecting the enduring ties between Portugal and the  
6 Bay Area; and,

7           WHEREAS, The Portuguese-American community continues to enrich the cultural,  
8 civic, and economic landscape of San Francisco and the broader Bay Area; and,

9           WHEREAS, Dia de Portugal, de Camões, e das Comunidades Portuguesas,  
10 celebrated annually on June 10th, not only commemorates Portugal's National Day but also  
11 serves as a testament to the resilience and heritage of Portuguese culture worldwide; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
14 hereby recognizes June 10th as Dia de Portugal, de Camões, e das Comunidades  
15 Portuguesas, honoring the enduring contributions of the Portuguese-American individuals and  
16 organizations to the community's vibrancy and prosperity.