

1 [Linda Maria Ronstadt Day - July 15, 2024]

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3 **Resolution declaring July 15, 2024, as Linda Maria Ronstadt Day in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco in recognition of her iconic catalog of work, her commitment to social**
5 **justice, and her 78th birthday.**

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7 WHEREAS, Linda Maria Ronstadt, a resident of San Francisco’s Richmond District, is
8 a world renowned singer, referred to as the “First Lady of Rock” and voted the Top Female
9 Pop Singer of the 1970s and has forged a four-decade career and expanded the range of a
10 pop singer to include country, Rock ‘n’ Roll, big band, jazz, opera, Broadway standards, and
11 Mexican and Afro-Cuban influences; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Ronstadt has recorded and released over 30 studio albums and has
13 made guest appearances on an estimated 120 albums by other artists and at least 31 gold
14 and platinum records; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Ronstadt has 38 Billboard’s Top 100 singles, and her single “You’re
16 No Good”, was the number 1 single in 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Ronstadt has earned 11 Grammy Awards, three American Music
18 Awards, two Academy of Country Music awards, an Emmy Award, an ALMA Award, a Tony
19 Award, and a Golden Globe Award; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2014, Ms. Ronstadt was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
21 and was awarded the National Medal of Arts and Humanities; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2016, Ms. Ronstadt was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement
23 Award in 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2019, Ms. Ronstadt received the Kennedy Center Honors for lifetime
25 artistic achievement by President Barack Obama, and a star, jointly with Dolly Parton and

1 Emmylou Harris, on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for their work as the group Trio; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Ronstadt, a proud Mexican American, serves on the Advisory Board
3 of *Los Cenzontles*, an academy in California's East Bay dedicated to the preservation of
4 Mexican Heritage; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Ronstadt has long been active in supporting social justice causes and
6 in 2004 at a performance in Las Vegas she was evicted from her hotel after speaking out
7 against war and received support from friends in the entertainment world, including the Rolling
8 Stones and Elton John, and several other entertainers, like the Eagles, who boycotted the
9 Vegas venue; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2009, Ms. Ronstadt gave an interview, "Linda Ronstadt's Gay Mission",
11 where she championed gay rights and same-sex marriage, and stated "homophobia is anti-
12 family values. Period, end of story;" and

13 WHEREAS, In 2010, Ms. Ronstadt, a native of Arizona, joined in a lawsuit against
14 Arizona's law SB 1070, speaking out against the anti-immigrant law and in support of
15 immigrant rights; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2011, Ms. Ronstadt retired from singing and now resides in her home in
17 San Francisco's Sea Cliff neighborhood in District 1; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares July 15, 2024, as
19 Linda Maria Ronstadt Day and recognizes and honors Ms. Ronstadt for her amazing
20 contributions to American culture, preservation of Mexican American heritage, and advancing
21 social justice; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board wishes Ms. Ronstadt a very happy birthday.
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