

1 [Redmond Kernan Day]

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3 **Resolution declaring April 7, 2009 as “Redmond Kernan Day” in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Redmond Kernan, born in New York, first came to Northern California as
7 a child during World War II when his father was assigned to Fort Ord, wherein he first visited
8 the Presidio; and,

9 WHEREAS, Redmond served in the Army, rising to the level of Lieutenant Colonel, in
10 the Korean War and returned to San Francisco in 1958 and served as an Army Reserve
11 Officer in the Presidio for a number of years; and,

12 WHEREAS, Redmond Kernan had a successful career as a civil engineer working for
13 the San Francisco Department of Public Works, as Acting Director of the San Francisco
14 Redevelopment Agency, the Koll Company and as a private consultant; and,

15 WHEREAS, Redmond’s work on behalf of preserving the Presidio began in the mid-
16 1980s, even before the Army began to contemplate a departure; and,

17 WHEREAS, For two decades, Redmond has demonstrated his love for the Presidio by
18 sharing his time and wisdom with organizations supporting the park; and,

19 WHEREAS, Appointed by the Secretary of the Interior during the Clinton
20 Administration, Redmond served with distinction on the Advisory Commission for the Golden
21 Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) and Point Reyes National Seashore from the mid-
22 1990s until 2002; and,

23 WHEREAS, Redmond has also served as President and Board Member of the
24 Presidio Historical Association; Past Chair of the GGNRA Presidio Committee; Past President
25 and member of the Board of the Neighborhood Associations for Presidio Planning (NAPP);

1 Member of the Board of the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR); the California
2 Heritage Council; and on the Board and Advisory Council of the San Francisco Planning and
3 Research Association (SPUR); and,

4 WHEREAS, On October 18, 2007, the Presidio Trust Board of Directors created by
5 way of resolution the annual "Redmond Kernan Lecture" at the Presidio; and,

6 WHEREAS, In July of 2008, Redmond Kernan was unanimously elected as Chair of
7 the Presidio Neighborhood Representative Work Group (PNRWG), which was created to
8 review and provide comments on revisions to the Presidio Trust Management Plan (Main
9 Post Update); and,

10 WHEREAS, Redmond is still leading the charge to protect the Presidio and its
11 designation as a National Historic Landmark District; and,

12 WHEREAS, Redmond has been integral to many important changes in San Francisco
13 and the region including the conception and building of South Beach Rincon Hill, the opening
14 up of the waterfront and development of Embarcadero Boulevard, the conversion of the
15 Presidio into a national park, the conception of the Presidio Trust, the design of Doyle Drive,
16 the planning for the Transbay Terminal; and the design, development and construction of
17 Moscone Center, South Beach Harbor, and Yerba Buena Center; and,

18 WHEREAS, His years of solid leadership on the Presidio Historical Association, the
19 GGNRA Advisory Commission, the GGNRA Presidio Committee, the SPUR Board and
20 Advisory Council, the Neighborhood Association for Presidio Planning, the Planning
21 Association for the Richmond, the Presidio Neighborhood Representative Work Group and
22 other organizations have led to real and positive change in San Francisco that will last for
23 generations; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Redmond deeply believes that an open and mutually respectful public
2 process was the best path to follow no matter how heated and complex an issue might be;
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, Redmond has achieved a great deal to make San Francisco a better
5 place with his rare gift for developing public understanding and building coalitions; and,

6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to recognize the extraordinary effort and
7 commitment that Redmond has made to the preservation and to the future of the Presidio
8 and the City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Redmond
10 Kernan for his many years of dedicated service to the City and County of San Francisco and
11 hereby proclaims April 7, 2009 as “Redmond Kernan Day.”

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