

1 [Father Brendan McBride Day - March 17, 2015]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 17, 2015, as Father Brendan McBride Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, As a native of Ireland, Father Brendan’s personal journey started in his
7 home in Donegal, Ireland. His mission of public service has taken him to multiple countries
8 across the globe from Italy to England and eventually here to San Francisco. His experiences
9 abroad have helped refine his understanding of the isolation that can be experienced by living
10 in a new country; and

11 WHEREAS, Father Brendan McBride has tirelessly committed his life’s work to serving
12 the Irish community through advocacy, referral and support for immigrants through the
13 initiatives he has advanced as head of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center (IIPC) in San
14 Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, Father Brendan has grown the IIPC into a thriving hub for comprehensive
16 assistance serving hundreds of people per year. The IIPC is non-profit, volunteer managed
17 organization assisting Irish immigrants in the San Francisco and the Bay Area. The IIPC is
18 committed to providing advice, information, advocacy, referral and support for immigrants on
19 issues related to immigration, employment, housing, career, education and social services;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Father Brendan is both a teacher and a student in advocating for
22 immigrants and their rights. His personal style is to work quietly and behind the scenes.
23 Whether it is offering citizenship application assistant or job interview consultation – men,
24 women and families are getting the tools they need to live as part of the community in a fully
25 integrated way; and

1 WHEREAS, His lead-by-example style and kind-hearted nature has assisted his work
2 in making a huge impact on the lives of Irish immigrants and their Irish heritage in the San
3 Francisco area; and

4 WHEREAS, Father Brendan has emerged as a great leader and a great example for
5 our community, our city and the Irish community in San Francisco and beyond has thrived
6 under his many contributions; and

7 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is greatly appreciative of his commitment to the
8 community; now, therefore be it; and

9 RESOLVED, Father Brendan’s dedication to the assistance of others embodies what it
10 means to truly be from the city of St. Francis, and he will always be welcomed and have a
11 home here in San Francisco; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares March 17, 2015, as
13 Father Brendan McBride Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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