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5 WHEREAS, Sylvester James was an icon of the disco era—who featured drag and a
6 thundering falsetto—as San Francisco's musical ambassador of freedom and dance; and,

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8 WHEREAS, Sylvester achieved mainstream success in the late 1970s and early 1980s
9 with three Top 40 hits, Dance (Disco Heat), You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real) and I Who Have
10 Nothing; and,

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12 WHEREAS, Sylvester became a spokesperson for AIDS awareness (especially in
13 African American communities), gave benefit performances for AIDS organizations
14 throughout the 1980s, and acknowledged having AIDS by “marching” in a wheelchair in the
15 1987 Freedom Day Parade a year before he died; and,

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17 WHEREAS, Sylvester was one of the biggest openly gay stars in popular music; and,

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19 WHEREAS, Sylvester performed a sold-out concert at the War Memorial Opera House
20 on March 11, 1979, and then Supervisor Harry Britt read a proclamation declaring it Sylvester
21 Day in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
recognizes March 11, 2005 as, once again, Sylvester Day.



City and County of San Francisco

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March 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on March 15, 2005 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

MAR 23 2005

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom