

1 [Declaring July 1, 2009, Julie Leadbetter Day]

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3 **Resolution seeking to commend Julie Leadbetter for her dedication to housing**
4 **advocacy, community development, and homeless services in San Francisco, wishing**
5 **her well until she returns to our great city and declaring July 1, 2009, to be Julie**
6 **Leadbetter Day.**

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8 WHEREAS, Julie Leadbetter began her journey in San Francisco in the late 1990's as
9 staff of the Mission Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) and a member of the Mission
10 Anti-Displacement Coalition to fight for social justice and find effective strategies to preserve
11 affordable housing, save community-based services and protect the working class and Latino
12 communities of the Mission District; and

13 WHEREAS, Julie Leadbetter joined together with MHDC, homeless advocates and the
14 San Francisco Department of Human Services in 1999 to create a comprehensive homeless
15 service center in the Mission District, and became one of the pioneer staff that opened the
16 Mission Neighborhood Resource Center in 2002, a model program that offers drop in
17 services, case management, medical, mental health, and social services to the homeless
18 communities of the Mission District; and,

19 WHEREAS, As Community Programs Manager of the Mission Neighborhood Resource
20 Center (MNRC), Julie Leadbetter created three innovative programs that includes a drop-in for
21 homeless women, a leadership program for homeless and housed neighbors to work towards
22 neighborhood improvement, and an outreach program for tenants living in substandard
23 Mission SRO hotels; and,

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1 WHEREAS, These programs have enhanced MNRC, the lives of hundreds of
2 homeless individuals, and, most importantly, have assisted homeless participants to develop
3 leadership abilities and to provide meaningful input in City homeless and budget policies; and,

4 WHEREAS, Julie Leadbetter has led many advocacy efforts that included the
5 development of housing subsidies for Latino immigrants, fighting the closure of shelter beds,
6 expanding funding for homeless women services, and a campaign with Housing Justice for
7 the creation of an affordable housing set-aside in the San Francisco budget; and,

8 WHEREAS, Julie Leadbetter has personally inspired and supported many
9 collaborations to assure community budgeting, increase community resources and develop
10 just policies, and is well-beloved in the City for exemplifying the highest principles of solidarity
11 and equity as she struggles for a world of peace, justice, and human dignity for all people; and,

12 WHEREAS, Julie Leadbetter is now going to the East Coast to complete the Mid-Career
13 MPA program at Harvard University in Boston, and plans to return to San Francisco to
14 continue her advocacy work in housing and community development; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Julie Leadbetter for her great
16 service and fierce advocacy in San Francisco, and wishes her the best of luck until she
17 returns to our great city; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares July 1, 2009,
19 to be Julie Leadbetter Day.