

1 [Eric F. Quezada Day – September 25, 2011]

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3 **Resolution honoring Eric F. Quezada for his extraordinary work as a leader of San**
4 **Francisco’s Social Justice Movement and proclaiming September 25, 2011, as “Eric F.**
5 **Quezada Day” in the City and County of San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, The struggle for social justice in San Francisco and globally is often led by
8 working class immigrants and the children of immigrant men and women; and,

9 WHEREAS, Eric Quezada was born in Los Angeles in 1965 to Guatemalan immigrants
10 and moved to San Francisco in 1971 after losing their home in an earthquake; and,

11 WHEREAS, Eric worked tirelessly to serve the needs of the communities he
12 lived and worked in by building the capacity of numerous community-based organizations
13 including: PODER (People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights),
14 Mission Housing Development Corporation, the Mission Economic Development Agency,
15 Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, and Dolores Street Community Services; and.

16 WHEREAS, Eric was instrumental in raising San Francisco’s awareness of the threat
17 gentrification posed to San Francisco’s Eastern Neighborhoods during the dotcom era and
18 helped create the Mission Anti-displacement Coalition as a vehicle for working-class and poor
19 San Franciscans to have a voice in the development of their own communities; and,

20 WHEREAS, Eric galvanized San Francisco’s immigrant community by helping to create
21 the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Information Network (SFILIN) and brought the
22 perspective, concerns and wisdom of San Francisco’s immigrant community to influence the
23 national campaign to reform immigration laws; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Eric reflected his public values in his private life by being a devoted
2 husband and loving parent; and,

3 WHEREAS, Eric Quezada was an organizer, mentor, teacher, advocate, and
4 inspiration to thousands of San Franciscans involved in the struggle for social justice; now
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares September 25, 2011 Eric F.
7 Quezada Day, to commemorate the spirit and meaning of Eric Quezada's life.