

1 [Change the name of Pardee Alley in North Beach to “Jack Micheline Place”.]

2 **Resolution changing the name of Pardee Alley in North Beach to “Jack Micheline Place**
3 **Alley”, in recognition of the late Jack Micheline’s artistic contributions to the**
4 **community of North Beach and the City of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Jack Micheline was often called a true voice of the beat generation and
7 the last of the street poets; and,

8 WHEREAS, Jack Kerouac, the renowned American author, once wrote that
9 Micheline’s “sweet lines revive the poetry of hope in America”; and,

10 WHEREAS, Jack Micheline was a former union organizer, supporter of feminist
11 causes, read his work at mental centers, participated in prison writer workshops, was a strong
12 defender of free speech, and championed many causes that San Francisco has a reputation
13 of upholding; and,

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco was the West Coast home of the Beat movement,
15 mellowing the hard-edge of the New York scene from which it originated; and,

16 WHEREAS, Jack Micheline moved to San Francisco in the early 1960s and made it his
17 adopted home, living here for the last 27 years of his life where he enriched the streets of
18 North Beach with his prose; and

19 WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, the Poet Laureate of San Francisco, states that
20 “Jack Micheline’s work is every bit as important as his most famous Beat contemporaries”;
21 and,

22 WHERAS, Jack Micheline strove to be respected for his individuality instead of fitting in
23 with others throughout his life, making him representative of the unique vibe of San Francisco
24 and North Beach; and,

25 RESOLVED, That, consistent with San Francisco Public Works Code Section 701, the

1 Board of Supervisors hereby changes the name of Pardee Alley in North Beach to “Jack
2 Micheline ~~Place~~ Alley,” in recognition of his varied contributions to the City of San Francisco
3 and the community of North Beach; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Director of the
5 Department of Parking and Traffic to erect street signs indicating both the new and the former
6 names of the street, with the new name "Jack Micheline ~~Place~~ Alley" in large letters, and the
7 old name "Pardee Alley" in smaller letters above or beneath the new name; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That both of the street names shall remain posted on street
9 signs for five years, and then the street signs shall be replaced with signs indicating only the
10 new street name, "Jack Micheline ~~Place~~ Alley."

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