

1 [Biordi Art Imports Day]

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3 **Resolution commending Gianfranco Savio for his invaluable contributions and**
4 **declaring November 15, 2006 Biordi Art Imports Day in San Francisco.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, November 15, 2006 marks the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Biordi
7 Art Imports in 1946 at 412 Columbus Avenue in North Beach, San Francisco, and,

8 **WHEREAS**, Biordi Art Imports has played a seminal role in the artistic and cultural
9 development of San Francisco and the nation by importing and offering for sale a wide variety
10 of Italian art-quality glazed ceramics known as *majolica*; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, Biordi Art Imports was founded by Emile Biordi, and subsequently bought,
12 operated and expanded by Gianfranco Savio, to become one of the most unique and
13 independent stores in our nation, serving as an art museum as well as a successful
14 commercial business; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, Biordi Art Imports is a nationally-renown artistic landmark which attracts
16 thousands of *majolica* lovers from all over the world because of its strong encouragement and
17 promotion of Italian culture and arts; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, Biordi Art Imports provides a unique presence in North Beach, making a
19 significant contribution to its cultural character by maintaining a focus on fine art in an
20 increasingly commercial district; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, Gianfranco Savio has been a tireless advocate for nurturing warm
22 connections between Italian ceramics artists and the Italian-American community of North
23 Beach; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, Biordi Art Imports has served as an inspiration and model for a growing
25 group of similar art import businesses across the country; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors extends its highest commendation to Gianfranco Savio for his contributions in making North Beach a truly unique San Francisco experience ; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends hereby proclaims November 15, 2006 Biordi Art Imports Day in San Francisco in celebration of its 60th Anniversary.