

1 [Armando Peraza Day]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 1, 2007 “Armando Peraza Day” in San Francisco.**

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5 WHEREAS, The people of San Francisco are proud to honor the great living
6 percussion virtuoso, Armando Peraza, highly revered as one of the world’s foremost Latin
7 percussionists and innovators in Afro-Cuban music; and

8 WHEREAS, Armando Peraza, born in Cuba in 1924, arrived in New York City in 1949
9 and for over five decades received international acclaim performing with Buddy Rich, Charlie
10 Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Mongo Santamaria, Judy Garland, Cal Tjader, George Shearing,
11 Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock and many others; and

12 WHEREAS, Armando Peraza is an important socio-political figure, a symbol of Afro-
13 Cuban achievement through his virtuoso musicianship and his refusal to be defeated by
14 racism in the face of persistent discrimination as he toured the U.S. in the 1950’s; and

15 WHEREAS, Armando Peraza is a prolific composer and performer, appearing on over
16 100 albums and in numerous live performances, contributing to the development of the Latin
17 jazz scene internationally as well as in the San Francisco Bay Area;

18 WHEREAS, Armando Peraza, a master on both congas and bongo, whose unorthodox
19 style and rich history continue to inspire countless younger musicians who cite Armando as
20 one of their biggest influences; and

21 WHEREAS, In January 2003, the legendary drum manufacturer, Latin Percussion,
22 created the Armando Peraza Signature Series Congas and Bongos as a tribute to this
23 percussion icon; and

24 WHEREAS, Armando Peraza is recognized for his profound influence on the
25 development of Latin jazz and Afro-Cuban music by the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival on

1 September 1, 2007 at “At a Tribute to Armando Peraza” sponsored by Latin Percussion and
2 featuring international and local percussionists; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Armando Peraza, a living
4 legend, for his contribution to the arts and culture of San Francisco and beyond; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby declares September 1,
6 2007 “Armando Peraza Day” in the city of San Francisco.

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