

1 [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls - November 25,
2012]

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3 **Resolution declaring November 25, 2012, “International Day for the Elimination of**
4 **Violence Against Women and Girls” in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Women's activists have marked November 25th, as a day against violence
7 against women and girls since 1981, commemorating the brutal assassination on this day in
8 1960, of the three Mirabal sisters, who were political activists in the Dominican Republic; and,

9 WHEREAS, On December 17, 1999, through Resolution 54/134, the United Nations
10 General Assembly designated November 25th, as the International Day for the Elimination of
11 Violence Against Women; and

12 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 54/134 also invites
13 governments, international organizations, and nongovernment organizations to organize
14 activities designed to raise public awareness of the problem of violence against women and
15 girls on this day each year; and

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has repeatedly demonstrated its
17 commitment to making our communities safer for women and girls, starting in 1998, when
18 San Francisco became the first city in the world to adopt a local ordinance reflecting the
19 principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
20 Against Women; and

21 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues this commitment each
22 year, funding Violence Against Women Prevention and Intervention Grants totaling nearly \$3
23 million to fund services such as Crisis Lines, Intervention and Advocacy, Legal Services,
24 Prevention and Education, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Housing; and

1 WHEREAS, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and
2 Girls serves as a call to action on behalf of countless women around the world, whose daily
3 lives are marred by violence and abuse; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco, through the Department on the Status of Women, will also
5 participate in official 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence events, which begin on
6 November 25, 2012, and run through December 10, 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, For the past seven years, immigrant women of color in the San Francisco
8 Bay Area have led the effort to honor this day through the healing properties of art, music,
9 dance, and poetry; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, San Francisco and Bay Area residents will observe the United
11 Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls with
12 music, healing ceremonies, dance, art, poetry, community gatherings, and a healing arts
13 festival taking place in the heart of San Francisco's Mission District; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board Of Supervisors hereby declares November 25, 2012, as
15 "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls" in the City and
16 County of San Francisco.

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