[Proclaiming November 5, 2010, as Angels in America Day]

Resolution proclaiming November 5, 2010, as Angels in America Day in San Francisco to recognize the tremendous worldwide impact Tony Kushner's play has had since it first premiered at San Francisco's Eureka Theater in 1991.

WHEREAS, Few plays of the last fifty years have had the staggering worldwide impact of Tony Kushner's Angels in America, A Gay Fantasia on National Themes; and

WHEREAS, *Angels in America* and Tony Kushner have always held a special place in the hearts of San Franciscans since the play premiered at San Francisco's Eureka Theatre in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Angels in America was one of the first pieces of theatre to address the AIDS crisis and became one of the seminal depictions of the effects of the disease on the gay community in San Francisco and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Tony Kushner put a human face on the AIDS epidemic that crossed lines of color, religion and class in the characters that populate his play; and

Whereas in describing heaven as "a city much like San Francisco: house upon house depended from hillside, from Crest down to dockside" – Tony Kushner affirmed his love for our city; and

WHEREAS, "Angels in America" is a rallying cry and celebration of theatre that offered the hope of "more life" at a time when the world needed it most; and

WHEREAS, "Angels in America" was made into an HBO miniseries in 2003, becoming the most watched made-for-cable movie that year and also winning both the Golden Globe and Emmy for Best Miniseries; and

WHEREAS, The Museum of Performance & Design, by preserving the amazing history of the Bay Area performing arts, is bringing the "Angels" home to San Francisco at a special event featuring the brilliant playwright Tony Kushner this coming November; and

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WHEREAS, The stories of the artists involved in the many stages of *Angels in America* will be preserved at the Museum of Performance & Design in the archives of the Museum's Performing Arts Library, ensuring that future generations will have access to this incredible story and continue to be inspired by the "great work" that Tony Kushner created; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes playwright Tony Kushner for the tremendous personal and social impact his play "Angels in America" has had in our city and around the world, earning him a Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1993; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declare November 5th, 2010 as "*Angels in America*" Day in San Francisco.



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Aves: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/19/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Mayor Gavin Newsom

October 22, 2010

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved