

1 [Josè Sarria Day - December 13, 2022]

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3 **Resolution declaring December 13, 2022, to be “Josè Sarria Day” in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco, in recognition of his significant contributions to San**
5 **Francisco and LGBTQ+ history, and in celebration of his 100th Birthday.**

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7 WHEREAS, Josè Julio Sarria was born in San Francisco on December 13, 1922; and

8 WHEREAS, Sarria was openly gay when he served in the military during World War II
9 and was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1947 after rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, After his return home from military service, Sarria paved the way for the
11 LGBTQ+ community, running for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1959 as the first
12 openly gay man to run for elected office in the United States, and in 1962, helping form the
13 Tavern Guild, the country’s first gay business association; and

14 WHEREAS, Sarria performed as a drag queen at San Francisco’s Black Cat Bar in the
15 Tenderloin and fought against police harassment during homophobic raids on gay bars; and

16 WHEREAS, Sarria founded the Imperial Council of San Francisco in 1965, and the
17 International Court System in 1996; and

18 WHEREAS, The International Court System is a group of 70 affiliated independent
19 charities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, dedicated to empowering LGBTQ+
20 communities; and

21 WHEREAS, Sarria was a military veteran, artist, community organizer, and more, and
22 dedicated much of his life to transforming, protecting, and advancing the LGBTQ+ community;
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24 WHEREAS, December 13, 2022, would have been Sarria’s 100th birthday; now,
25 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, officially celebrates
2 December 13, 2022, as the 100th Anniversary of Josè Julio Sarria’s birth and declares it to be
3 “Josè Sarria Day” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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