

1 [Transgender History Month - August 2024]

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3 **Resolution declaring August 2024 as Transgender History Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and Two-Spirit
7 (TGNCI2S) people have existed among cultures across the globe since ancient times; and

8 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, black and brown trans women and drag queens rioted
9 against police harassment at Compton’s Cafeteria in the Tenderloin neighborhood in August
10 of 1966; and

11 WHEREAS, The Compton’s Cafeteria Riot is regarded as the first act of mass
12 resistance by transgender and queer individuals against police abuse in the United States -
13 predating the Stonewall Inn Riots by 3 years; and

14 WHEREAS, The riot that began inside Compton’s Cafeteria - at the time, a 24-hour
15 diner where trans and queer residents of the Tenderloin congregated after socializing,
16 performing, and working at nearby clubs and bars - eventually made its way outside to the
17 intersection of Taylor and Turk Streets where fighting continued; and

18 WHEREAS, According to historians, the riot attracted hundreds of Tenderloin residents
19 in the middle of the night, including some who had been awakened from their slumber at
20 nearby apartments and single room occupancy hotels, and others heading home from bars
21 and clubs as their night came to an end; and

22 WHEREAS, The Compton’s Cafeteria Riot showed that transgender and queer people
23 were a force with which to be reckoned and helped spark a movement that would create a
24 new world of opportunities for trans and queer people and make San Francisco the trans and
25 queer international center it is today; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2021, with the support of the City and County of San Francisco’s Office
2 of Transgender Initiatives (OTI) and the Women’s Foundation of California, activist Jupiter
3 Peraza and The Transgender District led the advocacy efforts to recognize the month of
4 August as “Transgender History Month” in the City and County of San Francisco; and
5 WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed signed and declared by proclamation the month of August
6 as “Transgender History Month” in the City and County of San Francisco on August 24, 2021;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In 2023, Assemblymember Matt Haney authored House Resolution 57
9 proclaiming August Transgender History Month in California, making California the first state
10 in the nation to so recognize transgender history; and

11 WHEREAS, Despite local efforts to affirm the lives of transgender people, the rights
12 and dignity of transgender and queer people across the country are under attack, with 527
13 pieces of legislation targeting the LGBTQ+ community having been introduced across 40
14 states in 2024 alone; and

15 WHEREAS, These bills aim to limit the rights of TGNCI2S people by criminalizing
16 gender affirming healthcare, restricting use of public bathrooms, forcing teachers to out their
17 students, and preventing youth from participating in school activities; and

18 WHEREAS, Anti-transgender legislation contributes to violence against the
19 transgender community, including 32 murders in 2023 and 20 murders in 2024 in the United
20 States alone; and

21 WHEREAS, In June 2024, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 344-24,
22 declaring San Francisco a sanctuary city for TGNCI2S people; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a multitude of service providers who provide financial,
24 medical, social, and programmatic support to the transgender community; now, therefore, be
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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes August
2 2024 as Transgender History Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

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