

1 [Urging the United States Congress to Designate May 22nd as “Harvey Milk Day”]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to designate May 22nd as “Harvey Milk**
4 **Day”, and establishing it as a national holiday.**

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6 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was the first elected openly gay public official in San
7 Francisco, elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1977, and serving as the Supervisor of
8 District 5 (Castro-Haight) until his death in 1978; and

9 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk is a gay rights leader known all over the world for his work in
10 fighting discrimination against the LGBT community as well as speaking out for migrant farm
11 workers, the residents of the I-Hotel and other low-income tenants, the labor movement, and
12 homeless street kids in the Castro, among many, many others; and

13 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk believed strongly that we have to give hope to the young
14 people who still (as in Milk’s day) suffer bullying in schoolyards, anti-gay violence from family
15 and others, and psychological damage from growing up in a homophobic society; and

16 WHEREAS, there is currently no holiday named for an LGBT leader; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of California has an officially designated holiday for Harvey Milk,
18 May 22, which is the gay rights leader’s birthday, that was signed into law in 2009; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on the U.S. Congress
21 to designate May 22 as Harvey Milk Day, a national holiday, in order to honor one of the
22 nation’s great gay leaders, raise awareness of the history of the LGBT movement, and give
23 hope to young LGBT people in cities everywhere in the country.

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