

1 [Russian Festival 25th Anniversary - Russian Festival Day - February 22, 2013]

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3 **Resolution commending the 25th anniversary of the Russian Festival, sponsored by the**
4 **Russian Center of San Francisco, and declaring February 22, 2013, Russian Festival**
5 **Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Russian community has been an integral part of the
8 City, dating back to the first significant wave of immigration from Russia after the tragedy of
9 the 1917 revolution, with subsequent waves of immigration after World War II, and during and
10 after the Cold War; and

11 WHEREAS, The Russian Center of San Francisco, established in 1939, is a base for
12 Russian cultural events and activities, and home to various organizations, including the
13 Russian Life Newspaper, Russian Center Library, Museum of Russian Culture, Congress of
14 Russian Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, The 25th Annual Russian Festival, which will take place February 22 to 24,
16 2013, including professional and amateur entertainment, traditional Russian foods, such as
17 blini with red caviar, sour cream and herring, borscht, piroshki, flavored vodka drinks and
18 Russian beer, Napoleon cake and souvenirs galore, not to mention open houses at the
19 Museum of Russian Culture and other organizations, a picture gallery, a lottery and much
20 more; and

21 WHEREAS, The Russian Festival brings together the entire Russian community as
22 well as friends and admirers of Russian culture, working on a volunteer basis to make this
23 event possible for the thousands of attendees to enjoy and immerse themselves in all things
24 Russian during the weekend; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 commends and congratulates the Russian Center of San Francisco, and Katia Klestoff, the
3 Festival's organizer since 1989, and the returning chairwoman for hosting the 25th Annual
4 Russian Festival; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
6 Francisco declares February 22, 2013, Russian Festival Day in San Francisco.