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[Resolution commending Seamus Heaney and declaring May 15, 2006 "Seamus Heaney Day" in San Francisco.]

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WHEREAS. Seamus Heaney will participate in San Francisco's City Arts and Lecture series on May 15th, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Seamus Heaney was the 1995 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature and is considered the greatest living Irish poet; and,

WHEREAS, Upon the announcement of the awarding of the Nobel Prize to him, he was recognized as emerging from a heritage that "contains both the Ireland of the cattle-herding Gaelic past and the Ulster of the Industrial Revolution," an inheritance from his parents that influenced his poetry; and,

WHEREAS, At the awarding of the Nobel Prize to him, it was recognized that "his Gaelic heritage has always been part of his larger keyboard of reference and remains culturally and politically central to his work;" and,

WHEREAS, He has been known to "delve into the question of poetry's responsibilities and prerogatives in the world where poetry is posed between a need for creative freedom and the need to express the sense of social obligation felt by the poet as a citizen;" and,

WHEREAS, In the course of his career, Seamus Heaney has always contributed to the promotion of artistic and educational causes, both in Ireland and abroad; and,

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WHEREAS, One of the first places he read his poetry in the United States was at a blue collar college, Trenton State, in 1970; and,

WHEREAS, In 1970, Seamus Heaney was registered into the Poetry Center at the Library of Congress; and,

WHEREAS, Since his first reading in the United States, Seamus Heaney, has continued to enrich the American poetry landscape by spending much time teaching, sharing and infusing the United States with his rich poetic knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, From his voluminous creations, beginning with *Death of a Naturalist*, to *North*, *Field Work*, and *Squarings*, to his prose works such as *The Government of the Tongue*, to his recent translation of *Beowulf*, Seamus Heaney has enriched our world with immortal poetic cravings of the soul unleashed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby, jubilantly and joyfully, declare May 15, 2006 "Seamus Heaney Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.



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**BEARING SAME TITLE** 

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,

McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on May 16, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

5/19/06

**Date Approved** 

Mayor Gavin Newsom