

1 [Arbor Week - March 12, 2017, through March 18, 2017]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 12, 2017, through March 18, 2017, as Arbor Week 2017 in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco will celebrate Arbor Week 2017 from March 12, 2017,  
7 through March 18, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, Arbor Week celebrates tree care and highlights the importance of trees for  
9 our environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Community volunteers, San Francisco Public Works and other City  
11 employees come together during Arbor Week to plant and maintain trees to green our diverse  
12 neighborhoods in San Francisco and build a more sustainable living environment; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters passed Proposition E in November 2016 to support  
14 a stronger and healthier urban forest by handing responsibility for the care of all street trees in  
15 San Francisco back to Public Works; and

16 WHEREAS, During San Francisco's Arbor Week 2017, a signature tree will be planted  
17 on March 16, 2017, on public land at St. Mary's Square; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco will dedicate this year's signature  
19 tree to the late Rose Pak, an impassioned community leader who advocated for rebuilding  
20 Chinese Hospital, developing affordable housing, enhancing economic vitality and preserving  
21 the rich culture and history of Chinatown; who encouraged Chinese Americans to take part in  
22 political engagement; and whose death on September 18, 2016, was mourned by the San  
23 Francisco community; and

24 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's 2017 signature tree is a *Ginkgo*  
25 *biloba*, whose beautiful fan-shaped leaves turn a stunning yellow in the fall; and

1           WHEREAS, The signature tree will serve as a living tribute to Rose Pak for generations  
2 to come; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim  
4 March 12, 2017, to March 18, 2017, as Arbor Week 2017 in the City and County of San  
5 Francisco.