

1 [Noreen Ambrose Day - June 16, 2017]

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3 **Resolution declaring June 16, 2017, as Noreen Ambrose Day in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco, in recognition of her many years of outstanding service in the City**
5 **Attorney's Office and her well-deserved retirement.**

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7 WHEREAS, The City Attorney of San Francisco hired Noreen M. Ambrose in 1982 as a
8 law clerk to work on the Special Projects Team, and then hired Noreen as a deputy city
9 attorney, putting Noreen's joint law degree from Hastings College of the Law and master's
10 degree in city and regional planning from U.C. Berkeley to work for the benefit of the citizens
11 of the City and County of San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Noreen Ambrose devoted her entire career to the City, working for 35
13 years in the City Attorney's Office, under three elected City Attorneys; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1984 to 1997 Noreen first distinguished herself providing legal
15 services to the San Francisco Planning Department, where she mastered the intricacies of
16 development law, working on the downtown plan, the first phase of the Mission Bay
17 development, the waterfront plan, litigation concerning Proposition M, as well as writing article
18 7 of Planning Code concerning neighborhood commercial districts; and

19 WHEREAS, Noreen then served as Port General Counsel for 9 years from 1997 to
20 2006, successfully representing the City and its Port Commission in numerous significant real
21 estate transactions and land use projects that have greatly enhanced the economic vitality of
22 the City's waterfront properties and the quality of life for the citizens of our City; and

23 WHEREAS, During her tenure as Port General Counsel, Noreen Ambrose made
24 significant contributions to the development of the San Francisco Giants Ballpark, and also
25 served as the City's principal attorney for numerous successful public-private development

1 projects, including the historic renovation of the landmark Ferry Building, the Pier 1 Office
2 project, the Piers 1½, 3, and 5 mixed use project; and the redevelopment of Mission Bay, the
3 Bryant Street Piers, the Brannan Street Wharf, Seawall Lot 330, the James Herman Cruise
4 Terminal, and substantial new public access improvements on the San Francisco waterfront;
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6 WHEREAS, In 2006 the City Attorney appointed Noreen as Utilities General Counsel
7 representing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, where Noreen marshalled an
8 army of deputy city attorneys to guide the Water Enterprise through implementation of the
9 \$4.6 billion dollar Water System Improvement Program without litigation challenging a single
10 project, for the benefit of 2.6 million Hetch Hetchy water customers in San Francisco, San
11 Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Noreen Ambrose's adherence to the highest standards of ethical conduct
13 has ennobled public service, her strong work ethic has set an example for others, and her
14 legal skills, calm demeanor, and thoughtfulness have inspired the respect of her colleagues,
15 clients and peers, who will greatly miss Noreen's sage guidance in matters large and small;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Noreen's service to the City will be ending on June 30, 2017, with her
18 retirement, which, though richly deserved, will be lamented by this Board and many others in
19 City government; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That in celebration of Noreen Ambrose's outstanding accomplishments
21 and contributions to the City and County of San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors does
22 hereby declare June 16, 2017, to be Noreen Ambrose Day in San Francisco.

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