

1 [Hetch Hetchy Power System Centennial Day - May 6, 2018]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 6, 2018, as the 100th Anniversary of the production and**
4 **delivery of clean power from the Hetch Hetchy Power System; and designating May 6,**
5 **2018, as the official date of the Hetch Hetchy Power System Centennial Day**
6 **celebration.**

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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco’s provision of clean energy from the
9 Hetch Hetchy Power System provides for clean, reliable, and safe electric service as well as
10 economic benefits to the City; and

11 WHEREAS, Following the 1906 earthquake, when many structures burned or
12 collapsed, streets and sewers were destroyed, and the water and electric systems failed, San
13 Francisco citizens searched for a reliable and sustainable water supply; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the Raker Act, which
15 provided San Francisco the rights of way to construct water and power facilities over federal
16 land in Yosemite and Stanislaus National Forest; and

17 WHEREAS, The Act allowed for the construction of O’Shaughnessy Dam in Hetch
18 Hetchy Valley to collect drinking water from the Tuolumne Watershed for use by the San
19 Francisco Bay Area and for the construction of water-collection and hydroelectric, clean
20 power-generating facilities stretching from the Sierras to the Bay Area; and

21 WHEREAS, In order to build the O’Shaughnessy Dam, the construction crews needed
22 a power source for electrical equipment and to light the round-the-clock work; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco Engineers selected a site 12 miles down the Tuolumne
24 River to construct the Early Intake Powerhouse, which, using water from Eleanor Creek and
25 three turbines, would provide clean-power to the O’Shaughnessy Dam Construction site; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 6, 1918, the Early Intake Powerhouse was completed and began
2 delivering clean power to the O’Shaughnessy Dam construction site; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1924, construction crews completed the Moccasin Powerhouse and the
4 98.5 mile Moccasin-Newark power line delivering Hetch Hetchy power to the Newark
5 substation, allowing for clean power distribution to San Francisco, Modesto, and Turlock; and

6 WHEREAS, The clean power generated and delivered by the Hetch Hetchy Power
7 System is 100% greenhouse-gas free, and therefore helps to meet the goals of Ordinance No.
8 81-08, adopted by the Board and signed by the Mayor, which set a goal of San Francisco not
9 using any fossil-fuel power by 2030; and

10 WHEREAS, The clean power generated and delivered by the Hetch Hetchy Power
11 System is used to power our essential city services, including, but not limited to, our hospitals,
12 parks, schools, airport, and MUNI; and

13 WHEREAS, Chapter 99 of the San Francisco City Administrative Code mandates that
14 City buildings, developments, and projects utilize clean power from the Hetch Hetchy Power
15 System when feasible; and

16 WHEREAS, Using 100% greenhouse gas free power from the Hetch Hetchy Power
17 System meets San Francisco’s zero emission goals, while also saving money; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2002, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 117, the
19 Community Choice Aggregation Bill, allowing local jurisdictions to purchase or develop their
20 own power on behalf of their community; the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
21 (SFPUC) acts as the Community Choice Aggregator for the City and County of San Francisco
22 by operating the CleanPowerSF Program, and utilizes renewable energy for city residents and
23 businesses, including greenhouse gas-free hydropower from the Hetch Hetchy Power
24 System; and

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is celebrating 100 years of the
2 Hetch Hetchy Power System producing and delivering clean, 100% greenhouse gas-free
3 power; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That in observance of the Hetch Hetchy Power System’s Centennial Day
5 celebration, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby
6 proclaim May 6, 2018, as Hetch Hetchy Power System Centennial Day.

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