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4 WHEREAS, The United Nations designated December 18th International Migrants
5 Day, to recognize the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants; and

6 WHEREAS, This day honors the contributions made by millions of migrants to the
7 economy and the cities where they live, work and send their children to school; and,

8 WHEREAS, With the exception of Native Americans, we are all descendants of
9 migrants and the city of San Francisco depends economically on migrant labor to sustain local
10 service industries that make major contributions to our tax base such as restaurants, hotels,
11 garment manufacturing, domestic work, child care, construction, custodial work and much
12 more; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes that diversity is one of the greatest
14 of community strengths, and appreciates the contributions made by residents of all
15 backgrounds, acknowledging the tremendous impact they have upon the social, cultural, and
16 economic development of our City; and,

17 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is proud to honor the history of various
18 communities that have not only strengthened our City, but added to the greatness of our
19 country; and,

20 WHEREAS, We celebrate with the immigrant community the enduring faith, history and
21 culture of all our people, and are further inspired by the immigrant's quest for life, freedom,
22 liberty and pursuit of happiness and justice for all; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim December
24 18, 2009 as the first annual International Migrants Day and extend best wishes to all of our
25 communities as they hold appropriate ceremonies to commemorate this observance.

Supervisor Avalos, Supervisor Campos, Supervisor Mar

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