

1 [California Clean Air Day - October 7, 2020]

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3 **Resolution declaring October 7, 2020, as California Clean Air Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Air pollution contributes to higher rates of cancer and heart and lung
7 diseases, which adversely affect health; and

8 WHEREAS, Compromised lung health has been linked to poor outcomes in people
9 infected with COVID-19; and

10 WHEREAS, Substantial research has indicated that communities of color, especially
11 Black communities, face higher risks and rates of premature mortality associated with particle
12 air pollution, according to the American Lung Association and EPA; and

13 WHEREAS, Early studies find that people with COVID-19 who live in U.S. regions with
14 high levels of air pollution are more likely to die from the disease than people who live in less
15 polluted areas, according to a new nationwide study from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public
16 Health; and

17 WHEREAS, California has experienced a record-breaking wildfire season in 2020 with
18 over 3.2 million acres burned and five of the 10 largest fires in state history; and

19 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has declared a record
20 streak of continuous Spare the Air Day alerts since August due to the hazardous particle
21 pollution associated with wildfire smoke; and

22 WHEREAS, Emissions from vehicles and air travel, building systems, oil and gas
23 utilities, and household sources significantly contribute to climate change and affect the
24 natural environment, air quality, and health and well-being of people living and working in San
25 Francisco and California; and

1 WHEREAS, Individual actions such as walking, biking, using transit or other
2 sustainable travel modes, conserving fuel and energy, using electric vehicles and appliances,
3 dietary choices, and others can directly improve air quality; and

4 WHEREAS, Education and advocacy about climate change and air pollution can raise
5 community awareness, encourage commitment to healthier and more sustainable habits, and
6 improve our communities' well-being; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco has committed to being carbon neutral by 2050; and

8 WHEREAS, Californians will be joining together across the state for clean air on
9 October 7, 2020; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby declares October 7,
11 2020, as California Clean Air Day in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages all
13 residents, businesses, City departments, and community organizations to participate in
14 California Clean Air Day events and pledge to commit to clean air for all Californians.

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