

1 [St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Day - November 7, 2021]

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3 **Resolution recognizing November 7, 2021, as St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian**
4 **Church Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Armenian Community has been a vibrant component of San
7 Francisco since the early 1900's; and

8 WHEREAS, The St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church parish was
9 organized in 1953 by survivors of the Armenian Genocide and their children to meet the
10 needs of the growing Armenian Community in San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, The community purchased property at 51 Commonwealth Ave in 1956
12 to serve as the religious center of the community; and

13 WHEREAS, The new church sanctuary was constructed in 1965 and consecrated
14 by Archbishop Hrant Khachadourian in 1966; and

15 WHEREAS, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church parish has grown to be a
16 religious and cultural cornerstone for the Armenian-American Community of San
17 Francisco and Bay Area; and

18 WHEREAS, St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Parish has supported
19 community and cultural organizations over the years, establishing the Krouzian- Zekarian-
20 Vasbouragan Armenian School in 1980; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2020, arsonists set fire to the parish building and cultural center
22 located adjacent to the church causing severe damage in a hate crime against the
23 Armenian community; and

24 WHEREAS, The citizens of San Francisco stand against all forms of hate and
25 rallied around the Armenian community; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco
2 join the Armenian community in marking the 55th Anniversary of the St. Gregory the
3 Illuminator Armenian Church sanctuary; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the
5 incredible bravery and resiliency that the Armenian Community had in the face of hate, be
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7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San
8 Francisco, join the Armenian Community of San Francisco in celebrating the 55th
9 Anniversary of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church and do hereby
10 proclaim November 7, 2021, as St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Day in San
11 Francisco.

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