

1 [Circus Center Resolution]

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3 **Resolution commending the Circus Center and declaring Wednesday December 19th,**
4 **2001 to be Circus Center Day in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, the San Francisco School of Circus Arts was founded in 1983 by Judy
7 Finelli and Wendy Parkman as a project of the Pickle Family Circus, and;

8 WHEREAS, the Pickle Family Circus, now known as the New Pickle Circus, was at the
9 forefront of the "new circus" movement, and;

10 WHEREAS, in 1993 the San Francisco School of Circus Arts became a separate non-
11 profit organization and moved to the West Gymnasium on the former site of the Poly-
12 Technical High School in the Haight Ashbury District, and;

13 WHEREAS, the school provides year-round training for more than 750 adults and
14 children who learn Chinese acrobatics, Russian acrobatics, trapeze, aerial arts, trampoline,
15 juggling, dance, movement, and clowning, all under the direction of master trainer, Lu Yi, a
16 former star performer and artistic director of the world-renowned Nanjiing Acrobatic Troupe,
17 and;

18 WHEREAS, in 2000 the school and the New Pickle Circus reunited to form one circus
19 organization offering comprehensive training and performance opportunities in the circus arts,
20 and;

21 WHEREAS, the School of Circus Arts has changed its name to Circus Center to reflect
22 its central position in the American circus world, and;

23 WHEREAS, the mission of Circus Center is to teach professional and recreational
24 circus skills at the highest artistic and technical levels, to produce professional performances,
25 under the banner of the New Pickle Circus, and to bring circus arts to the community as a way

1 for adults and children to develop self-confidence, self-esteem, physical well-being, trust in
2 others, and teamwork skills, and;

3 WHEREAS, Circus Center offers other programs to the community, such as free tickets
4 for holiday performances distributed through non-profit agencies serving at-risk youth, low-
5 income seniors and people living with HIV/AIDS, a program with the San Francisco Police
6 Officer's Association that distributes free tickets to troubled youth, a circus skills program for
7 women who have experienced violence to help them recover, clown performances for seniors
8 in nursing facilities and children in hospitals, scholarships for low income children to attend the
9 9 week summer circus camp, and free performances for community festivals and
10 neighborhood fairs; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares Wednesday
12 December 19th, 2001 to be Circus Center Day in San Francisco.



City and County of San Francisco

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Date Passed:

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December 17, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on December 17, 2001 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved