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[Resolution declaring March 11, 2005 to be Sylvester Day]

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WHEREAS, Sylvester James was an icon of the disco era—who featured drag and a thundering falsetto—as San Francisco's musical ambassador of freedom and dance; and,

WHEREAS, Sylvester achieved mainstream success in the late 1970s and early 1980s with three Top 40 hits, Dance (Disco Heat), You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real) and I Who Have Nothing; and,

WHEREAS, Sylvester became a spokesperson for AIDS awareness (especially in African American communities), gave benefit performances for AIDS organizations throughout the 1980s, and acknowledged having AIDS by “marching” in a wheelchair in the 1987 Freedom Day Parade a year before he died; and,

WHEREAS, Sylvester was one of the biggest openly gay stars in popular music; and,

WHEREAS, Sylvester performed a sold-out concert at the War Memorial Opera House on March 11, 1979, and then Supervisor Harry Britt read a proclamation declaring it Sylvester Day in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco recognizes March 11, 2005 as, once again, Sylvester Day.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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March 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on March 15, 2005 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom