

1 [Elaine Mikels Day]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming November 5, 2009 as "Elaine Mikels Day" in San Francisco.**

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5 WHEREAS , In 1959 San Francisco social worker Elaine Mikels created a normalizing
6 transitional community, Conard House, the first "halfway house" for people with mental
7 illness in California, named in honor of Conard Rheiner, fellow social worker, mentor and
8 social activist; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the next fifty years, Elaine's colleagues and successors developed
10 permanent supportive housing, supportive employment, money management and other
11 essential social services for San Francisco's community mental health clients, enabling
12 residents throughout San Francisco to self-manage their mental illness, return to work and
13 community life; and

14 WHEREAS, On November 5, 2009, Conard House will celebrate 50 years of
15 achievements by hosting Founders' Day, and will announce the creation of the Elaine Mikels
16 Award to recognize annually an emerging community service visionary or organization whose
17 groundbreaking good work, like Elaine's, breeds hope, inspires self-confidence, and
18 empowers people to take charge of their own live; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins with the entire Conard
20 House community in honoring the late Elaine Mikels for her pioneering contribution to
21 psychosocial rehabilitation and community mental health; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board congratulates Conard House on 50 years of
23 achievements to advance community mental health in San Francisco, the Bay Area and
24 throughout California; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges the
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1 individual efforts of the residents and clients within Conard House community and of the staff,
2 volunteers, directors and friends of Conard House over the past 50 years.

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November 3, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Elsbernd, Mar,
Maxwell, Mirkarimi

Absent: 1 - Dufty

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on November 3, 2009 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

11-10-09

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom