

1 [Archbishop Romero Day]

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3 **Resolution expressing profound gratitude to Archbishop Romero for the humanity he**
4 **invoked in all of us, and declaring March 24, 2001 to be ARCHBISHOP OSCAR**
5 **ARNULFO ROMERO DAY.**

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7 WHEREAS, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero was assassinated twenty-one years
8 ago on this day, March 24, 1980, as he celebrated the Eucharist in the chapel of a cancer
9 hospital where he lived, and personally ministered to the sick. Monseñor Romero's life is a
10 testament that people can make a difference; and

11 WHEREAS, The recent earthquakes in El Salvador have destroyed 90 percent of the
12 major cities, killing thousands, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless or injured; and

13 WHEREAS, The life of Archbishop Romero has created a profound relationship
14 between El Salvador and the city of San Francisco. When the Archbishop implored Jimmy
15 Carter to stop sending money in the form of armament because it was being used to kill
16 innocent people in his country, our eyes were opened to the use of our tax dollars, which
17 ultimately killed him, fomenting a people's movement in the U.S. which included Religious,
18 Labor, Business, Education and all other sectors of our society to create a more humane
19 policy towards El Salvador, re-energizing our efforts for democracy in our own country; and

20 WHEREAS, Over 100 thousand people have died because of said aid if not from war,
21 violence of malnutrition, street violence, inhumane working conditions in factories and
22 maquiladoras and in exile as people cross borders and are abused or die in the mountains
23 and rivers of Southern California; and

24 WHEREAS, The diaspora created by the violence mobilized a wave of immigrants who
25 have enriched our city by founding organizations like CARECEN, CRECE and others which

1 have created opportunities for employment, access to health services, support for youth and
2 young adults, developed leadership among immigrants, faith and civil society; and

3 WHEREAS, We were awakened to act in the spirit of sister and brotherhood which the
4 very name of our city is supposed to invoke Archbishop John Quinn, and U.S. residents and
5 organizations such as Fr. Moriarity Center, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, the
6 Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant Rights
7 created efforts that lead this city to declare itself a **City of Refuge** in 1985, which continues to
8 protect immigrants to this day. Many other efforts took place here like **The Great Boycott** of
9 Salvadoran Coffee lead by Neighbor to Neighbor and supported by the ever faithful
10 longshoremans union was kicked off here in our very port in front of the famous Mills Bros.
11 Coffee clock tower that guards our Bay bridge; and

12 WHEREAS, Thousands of our citizens have now visited El Salvador and Central
13 America, building bridges of human solidarity through groups like SHARE-New El Salvador
14 Today and Catholic Charities – CAROP office, CISPES, Global Exchange, the Romero
15 Foundation and SICSAL, the International Christian Office of Solidarity with and from Latin
16 America, all in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, The recent earthquakes in El Salvador have destroyed 90 percent of the
18 major cities, killing thousands, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless or injured; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is
21 grateful to Archbishop Romero for the humanity he invoked in all of us; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declare
23 March 24, 2001 to be ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO DAY.
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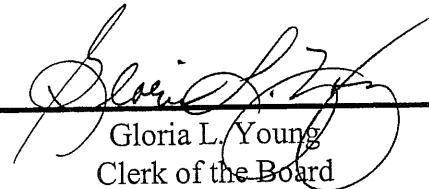
Resolution expressing profound gratitude to Archbishop Romero for the humanity he invoked in all of us, and declaring March 24, 2001 to be Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero Day.

March 5, 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 March 5, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.