

1 [Resolution declaring October 11, 2007 as Eleanor Roosevelt Day]

2 **Resolution declaring October 11, 2007 as Eleanor Roosevelt Day and commending her**
3 **for her contributions to women's and human rights.**

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5 WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was born in New York on October 11, 1884 and
6 became one of the most admired figures of the 20th Century, according to people's polls year
7 after year; and,

8 WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was a lifelong prolific communicator, writing a daily
9 newspaper column *My Day*, monthly magazine articles with titles alone that fill 33 pages,
10 numerous books, broadcasting a weekly radio program, and holding regular press
11 conferences in the White House with the women's press corps while First Lady; and,

12 WHEREAS, She encouraged responses from the public, resulting in the receipt of
13 hundreds of thousands of letters still on file at Hyde Park; and,

14 WHEREAS, Throughout her husband's presidency Eleanor Roosevelt acted as his
15 legs, eyes and ears to report back on the pulse, conditions and unmet needs of the American
16 people, thus helping to design and implement the programs of the New Deal; and,

17 WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was a pragmatic humanitarian, promoting democracy
18 and the public good, advocating and actively supporting individual, economic, civil and
19 political rights, without discrimination, particularly of low-income women and people of color;
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, In 1927 Eleanor Roosevelt hosted a meeting of 400 women to organize a
22 women's peace movement and support the Kellogg-Briand Pact to outlaw war and persisted
23 as one of the most prominent antiwar women in the United States; and, be it

24 WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was an intrepid traveler, whether as goodwill
25 ambassador or reporter, visiting with world leaders as well as seeking out ordinary folks all

1 over the world, including during World War I and World War II to speak to the troops and visit
2 the wounded; and,

3 WHEREAS, Eleanor Roosevelt was a delegate for 10 years to the General Assembly
4 of the United Nations; and,

5 WHEREAS, While Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations,
6 Eleanor Roosevelt facilitated the writing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which
7 after over two years of unceasing work was finally passed by the General Assembly on
8 December 10, 1948, and which she referred to as "my most important task," and which today
9 remains the cornerstone of the human rights movement around the world; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That October 11, 2007 be designated by the San Francisco Board of
12 Supervisors as Eleanor Roosevelt Day in San Francisco



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September 18, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin

Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 18, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

9/24/07

Date Approved

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom