Resolution commending Susan Leal on her 15 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Susan Leal first joined San Francisco City Government in June 1993, when she was appointed to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The following year, Susan Leal won a four-year term to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal was elected as the City's Treasurer in 1997 and served in that capacity until 2004; and

WHEREAS, As Treasurer for the City and County of San Francisco, Susan Leal instituted a number of programs and operational improvements that significantly increased tax collection rates, including a 91% increase in delinquent tax collection, representing more than $26 million in additional revenue for the City and also initiated San Francisco's first-ever socially responsible investment policy that consistently achieved a rate of return highest among its peers; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal also made many innovative improvements to customer service as Treasurer, including introducing the City Payment Center – a one-stop shop for City transactions such as transit passes, water bills, and passports – spearheading the City's e-commerce initiative which was named one of the top e-government projects nationwide and launching the nation's first audio ATM for the visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Susan Leal was recommended by Mayor Gavin Newsom to lead the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in 2004 and the members of the Public Utilities Commission appointed her as General Manager in August 2004; and

WHEREAS, As General Manager, her priorities included rebuilding and protecting the Hetch Hetchy water system for the future, improving and upgrading San Francisco’s aging **Supervisor Dufty, Ammiano, Peskin, Maxwell, Chu, Elsbernd, Alioto-Pier, Sandoval, Mirkarimi, Daly, McGoldrick

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wastewater system and delivering clean power and cleaner power choices to San
Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, As General Manager, Susan Leal has re-organized the SFPUC along
business enterprise lines – water, wastewater and power – and refocused the agency on
financial accountability and customer service; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal led the SFPUC to be one of the greenest and most
sustainable utilities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area water system is more secure, more seismically reliable and
more environmentally responsible thanks to Susan Leal’s leadership; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC is funding new recycled water and groundwater programs for
the first time and as a City the SFPUC finally leads when it comes to water conservation; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal is a strong proponent of tap water and has worked to reduce
our reliance on bottled water; and

WHEREAS, In wastewater, she had made neighborhoods safer from the risk of
flooding during major storms and initiated plans to replace our crumbling sewers and aging
digesters at the Southeast Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, Susan Leal has made San Francisco one of the first cities in the nation to
turn waste grease and oil into clean biofuel; and,

WHEREAS, Susan Leal worked to triple our production of solar energy on City
facilities, working to bring green power to the Bayview Hunters Point community and shutter
all of the dirty power plants once and for all while also initiating efforts to study geothermal
power in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Under Susan Leal’s leadership, the SFPUC is now a recognized leader in
the country among utilities leading the effort to combat and prepare for climate change; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Susan Leal for all of her
dedication to the citizens of San Francisco during the past 15 years as a member of the
Board of Supervisor’s, as the City’s Treasurer and Tax Collector and as the General Manager
to the Public Utilities Commission; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares the month of April 2008, Susan Leal Month in the City and County of San Francisco.
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March 25, 2008  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 25, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved