Resolution declaring December 30, 2021, as “Jodi Schwartz LYRIC Day” in the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of her significant accomplishments over fifteen years as Executive Director of LYRIC.

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Jodi Schwartz has worked with youth and their families in their struggle to disengage from the juvenile justice system, serving as an advocate for youth to succeed in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Jodi began working for social justice as a teenager, during which time she was fortunate to have mentors of all ages, solidifying her belief that to achieve true social justice, every generation’s contributions must be seen as invaluable; and

WHEREAS, LYRIC is an LGBTQ youth serving nonprofit with a mission to build community and inspire social change through education enhancement, career training, health promotion, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Schwartz provided consistent, capable leadership throughout fifteen years as Executive Director of LYRIC from 2005-2020; and

WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure as Executive Director, LYRIC developed San Francisco’s first LGBTQ+ Youth Advocacy Program providing individualized 1:1 support; and

WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure, LYRIC launched the School-Based Initiative to educate and build allyship among SFUSD students, staff, and families to create learning environments where LGBTQ+ middle and high school students can thrive; and

WHEREAS, During Jodi’s tenure, LYRIC launched UndocuWorkforce, the Bay Area’s first paid leadership program for undocumented LGBTQ+ and ally youth; and
WHEREAS, During Jodi's tenure, LYRIC fought for systemic change such as the inclusion of 18-24 year old disconnected transitional age youth and the prioritization of LGBTQQ+ youth as part of San Francisco's Children and Youth Fund, and ensuring that San Francisco's violence prevention initiatives prioritize the TGNC community; and

WHEREAS, In 2011 LYRIC received Bank of America’s $200,000 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award, marking the first time an LGBTQ organization won this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, KQED and Union Bank honored Jodi with the LGBT Local Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 LYRIC was selected as one of 15 youth-serving organizations in California to participate in an Edna McConnell Clark Foundation/William and Flora Hewlett Foundation three-year Propel Next Partnership, including a $400,000 grant and intensive capacity building support; and

WHEREAS, During Jodi's tenure, LYRIC expanded to over 30 staff and five program teams; and

WHEREAS, In her new role as President of LYRIC, Jodi has taken on a major capital renovation to increase usable space on LYRIC-owned property by 44%, improving accessibility, outdoor space, and significantly increasing their capacity to provide on-site services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declares December 30, 2021 as “Jodi Schwartz LYRIC Day” in the City and County.
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December 14, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board