

1 [Recognizing International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers]

2 **Resolution recognizing International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers.**

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4 WHEREAS, The International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers (D17) was first
5 celebrated in 2003 as a response to the Green River killer who confessed to killing nearly 100 alleged
6 prostitutes; and

7 WHEREAS, Of all the victims of serial killers from 2000-2009, 69% were sex workers¹; and

8 WHEREAS, Due to criminalization of the sex industry, sex workers are stigmatized as
9 disposable criminals and are more vulnerable to violence²; and

10 WHEREAS, Sex workers face increased risks of sexual assault, physical assault, murder, and
11 robbery and are unable to report crimes for fear of wrongful incarceration³; and

12 WHEREAS, Sex workers are our mothers, brothers, cousins, neighbors, and friends; and

13 WHEREAS, Sex workers are not disposable and deserve to be treated with respect and
14 dignity; and

15 WHEREAS, Many cities including Berkeley have issued formal proclamations declaring
16 December 17th as the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers (D17); and

17 WHEREAS, D17 has grown into an international movement celebrated all over the world
18 including the United States, Canada, Kenya, United Kingdom, Cambodia, Germany, the Netherlands,
19 South Africa, and more; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission officially recognizes today December
21 17, 2012 as the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers; and, be it further

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23 ¹ Burtch, Allison. "Sex Workers in the Shadows | The Independent." *Sex Workers in the Shadows | The Independent*. Independent, 30 Mar. 2012. Web Accessed December 12, 2012.
<<http://www.independent.org/2012/03/30/sex-workers-shadows>>.

24 ² Boyd, Neil, and Steven Egger. "CBC News In Depth: Crime : Why Serial Killers Target Prostitutes." *CBCnews*.
CBC/Radio Canada, 19 Dec. 2006. Web Accessed December 12, 2012,

25 <<http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/crime/targeting-prostitutes.html>>

³ Ibid.

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of
2 Supervisors to work with the San Francisco Police Department to eliminate violence against sex
3 workers.

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