

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 definition of sex workers are consenting adults age 18 and older, who
5 exchange sexualized services or money or otherwise work in the sex industry of their own free will;
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7 WHEREAS, The International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers (D17) was first
8 celebrated in 2003 as a response to the Green River killer who confessed to killing nearly 100 alleged
9 prostitutes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

24 <<http://www.independent.org/2012/03/30/sex-workers-shadows>>.

25 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,

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

³ Ibid.

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

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission officially recognizes today December
5 17, 2012 as the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers; and, be it further

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

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22 2012-2013 Youth Commission Chair

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