

1 [Commemorating the Life and Achievements of Community Activist Jazzie Collins]

2 **Resolution Commemorating the Life and Achievements of Jazzie Collins.**

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4 WHEREAS, Jazzie Collins' life embodied all that the San Francisco Human Rights
5 Commission seeks to uplift, especially her tireless work to ensure that San Francisco remains
6 an equitable and welcoming city for all; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins had been a community leader since she moved to San
8 Francisco in 1988 and touched many lives in this City; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins was one of the original members of Queers for Economic
10 Equality Now, a multi-cultural group dedicated to economic rights and social justice, including
11 fair employment, fair housing, adequate and safe shelter, social spaces for youth, safe public
12 spaces, immigrant rights, health and well-being, and unity in the community; and

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14 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins passionately worked to ensure transgender people were
15 protected under federal gay employment rights legislation; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins brought tremendous value and dignity in her service to the City
17 of San Francisco, including her service on the Western SOMA Citizen's Planning Task Force,
18 the SOMA Stabilization Fund Citizen Advisory Committee, and the San Francisco Human
19 Rights Commission's LGBT Aging Policy Taskforce; and

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21 WHEREAS, as the unanimously elected vice chair of the LGBT Aging Policy
22 Taskforce, Ms. Collins advised policy makers on how to best meet the needs of San
23 Francisco's LGBT aging and senior populations and ensured community input in all taskforce
24 decisions and activities; and
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1 WHEREAS, as an organizer and member of the Board of Directors of the annual San
2 Francisco Trans March, Ms. Collins worked to inspire all trans and gender non-conforming
3 people to realize a world where they are safe, loved, and empowered; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins was an organizer with Senior and Disability Action and worked
5 to empower and mobilize seniors and people with disabilities by convening housing
6 collaborative meetings and advocating for affordable housing for seniors and people with
7 disabilities and the improvement of living conditions in single occupancy residences; and
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9 WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013 the California Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
10 Transgender Caucus honored Ms. Collins at the California State Capitol in its annual Pride
11 Recognition Awards; and

12 WHEREAS, on July 11, 2013, Ms. Collins passed away at the age of 54; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins leaves behind a legacy of advocacy and accomplishment on
14 behalf of marginalized groups; and;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Human Rights
16 Commission recognizes the enduring legacy of Ms. Jazzie Collins, an organizer who
17 championed the rights of the homeless, tenants, workers, LGBT people, domestic workers,
18 seniors, and persons with disabilities, and conveys a profound and sincere appreciation for
19 Ms. Collins' leadership and advocacy.
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