

1 [Monsignor Oscar Romero Day - March 26, 2011]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 26, 2011, as Monsignor Oscar Romero Day in San**
4 **Francisco, to honor a person who dedicated themselves to, and ultimately gave their**
5 **life for, social justice and human rights protection, and preached the message of**
6 **peace, non-violence, reconciliation, and love.**

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8 WHEREAS, Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez, Archbishop of El Salvador, was
9 murdered at the altar while celebrating Mass in a small chapel in San Salvador on March 24,
10 1980; and

11 WHEREAS, He was an outspoken advocate for poor people in El Salvador and used
12 his sermons to plead with both the left and right to end the violence and human rights abuses
13 taking place throughout the country; and

14 WHEREAS, Other religious leaders, such as Monsignor Gerardi of Guatemala and
15 Monsignor Ruiz of Mexico, were persecuted for their advocacy on behalf of the poor and
16 indigenous populations in all of Latin America; and

17 WHEREAS, Faith communities are globally committed to serving the poor,
18 dispossessed and disempowered; and

19 WHEREAS, Monsignor Romero's assassination was a result of military orders to
20 silence his criticism of an oppressive governmental regime and the culture of violence
21 perpetuated by that government against these communities; and

22 WHEREAS, Various United Nations Truth Commissions charged with investigating the
23 military suppression of these populations found that the United States' government politically
24 and militarily supported these anti-democratic actions; and

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1 WHEREAS, There will be an interfaith service to honor Monsignor Romero on March
2 26, 2011 at the Basilica Mission Dolores in San Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, This Romero commemoration represents interfaith and local community
4 organizations that wish to celebrate this universal champion of non-violence, reconciliation
5 and respect for human rights; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declare March 26, 2011 as
7 Monsignor Oscar Romero Day; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco will stand in
9 solidarity with those faith leaders who seek social justice for the poor, dispossessed and
10 disempowered throughout the world and work together for justice, peace and human rights.



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March 15, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Avalos, Chiu, Chu, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar and Wiener

Excused: 3 - Campos, Cohen and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/15/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor Edwin Lee

MARCH 25, 2011

Date Approved

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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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo
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