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City Council Proclaims May 22 “Harvey Milk Day” in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 19, 2009) – The San Diego City Council today proclaimed Friday, May 22 as “Harvey Milk Day.” Councilmember Todd Gloria spoke about Harvey Milk before his colleagues unanimously voted to support his resolution honoring the slain civil rights leader.

“Harvey Milk’s role as a voice for underrepresented people paved the way for me and countless others to pursue careers in public service,” said Councilmember Gloria, who was flanked by Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Carl DeMaio for the presentation. **“Because of Harvey Milk’s legacy, I stand before you today as a proud, openly gay San Diego City Councilmember. I stand on the shoulders of all those courageous leaders that Harvey inspired.”**

Joining City leaders in the Council Chambers were representatives from the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast Committee; the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center; the Greater San Diego Business Association; San Diego LGBT Pride; and the San Diego Democratic Club.

“Both in life and death, Harvey Milk was more than a politician. He was a visionary who saw a future in which all races, genders, classes and sexual orientations stood together to support justice and equality,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“Harvey Milk exemplified how service and commitment can affect lives outside one’s own demographic and City. Honoring him today will inspire a new generation of leaders of all backgrounds and orientations. The future is in our hands, and I hope we have the courage to follow Harvey’s example and never waiver in the fight to secure equality for all Americans, and always remember to ‘give ‘em hope!’”**

The City of San Diego is also on the record supporting the creation of an annual Harvey Milk Day in the State of California on May 22, his birthday.

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