

1 [2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big Year]

2 **Resolution supporting the 2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered**
3 **Species Big Year**

4 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (“GGNRA”) contains more
5 federally protected endangered and threatened species than any other National Park in
6 continental North America; and

7 WHEREAS, The GGNRA’s astounding array of biodiversity is worthy of celebration, as
8 San Francisco Bay Area residents and visitors are fortunate to have such a diverse landscape
9 in public ownership; and

10 WHEREAS, The GGNRA’s large number of imperiled species is also cause for
11 concern, and may be reason to reflect upon our relationship with this great urban national
12 park; and

13 WHEREAS, The protection of endangered and threatened species is called for in the
14 Biodiversity Element of the Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco and in the Urban
15 Environmental Accords; and

16 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 unanimously affirmed its support for the Endangered Species Act on June 30, 2005 with
18 Resolution 0506-05; and

19 WHEREAS, The 2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big
20 Year is a race against time to see and save each of the GGNRA’s 33 endangered species;
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22 WHEREAS, The 2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big
23 Year is a free, year-long competition with dozens of guided expeditions and stewardship
24 opportunities for Bay Area residents and visitors to partake in; and

1 WHEREAS, Big Year participants may take part in as many or as few expeditions and
2 stewardship opportunities as they like; and

3 WHEREAS, The Big Year participant who observes and helps save the most
4 endangered species by the end of 2008 will be declared the winner of the Big Year; and

5 WHEREAS, The 2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big
6 Year kick-off party will be at the San Francisco Zoo at 1pm on January 6, 2008; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment supports the
9 2008 Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big Year and encourages
10 all Bay Area residents and visitors to participate in the events.

11 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the
12 Environment at its January 22, 2008 Meeting.

13 *Monica Fish*
14 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

15 VOTE: Approved (6-0 (1 Absent))

16 AYES: Commissioners Pelosi Jr., Gravanis, King, Martin, Rodriguez Heyman, Tuchow

17 NOES: None

18 ABSENT: Commissioner Wald

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