

1 [Urging President Obama to Issue an Executive Order Creating a National Ocean Policy.]

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3 **Resolution urging President Obama to issue an Executive Order to create a National**
4 **Ocean Policy based on the recommendations of the Ocean Policy Task Force.**

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6 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2009, President Obama issued a Memorandum creating an
7 Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force; and

8 WHEREAS, Such a Task Force was a policy recommendation of the Pew Oceans
9 Commission in 2003 and the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy in 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, The Task Force is charged with developing a national policy that ensures
11 the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes
12 ecosystems and resources; and

13 WHEREAS, The Task Force is also charged with developing a framework for agency
14 coordination to implement the policy and a set of priority actions to develop a framework for
15 coordinated coastal and ocean spatial planning; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States' marine and Great Lakes areas are currently governed
17 by more than 140 laws and 20 separate agencies; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States has a Clean Water Act and a Clean Air Act, but we lack
19 a single, unified, national policy that governs our oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes; and

20 WHEREAS, On September 10, 2009, the Ocean Policy Task Force issued an interim
21 report outlining objectives for a protective National Ocean Policy; now

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 urges President Obama to issue an executive order creating a National Ocean Policy, based
24 on the recommendations of the Ocean Policy Task Force, to protect our national oceans,
25 coasts, and Great Lakes.