

1 [Commemorating the National Housing Law Project - 45th Anniversary]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the National Housing Law Project on their 45th Anniversary**
4 **for their distinguished service in advocating on behalf of our most vulnerable families'**
5 **housing needs.**

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7 WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 45th Anniversary of the National Housing Law Project
8 (“NHLP”); and

9 WHEREAS, NHLP was originally established as part of the Earl Warren Institute at the
10 University of California at Berkeley’s Boalt Hall School of Law as the nation’s legal support
11 center on housing issues for the poor and to this day, is the preeminent legal expert on the
12 federal low-income housing programs; and

13 WHEREAS, since becoming an independent organization, NHLP has made its home in
14 the Bay Area, and is now headquartered in San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, the mission of NHLP is to advance the housing rights of low-income
16 communities and to provide support for legal services programs throughout the country; and

17 WHEREAS, NHLP has been instrumental in preserving hundreds of thousands of
18 homes for low-income families and in establishing and enforcing important low-income
19 tenants and homeowners rights;

20 WHEREAS, the National Housing Law Project staff has been hailed for their
21 contributions to the advancement of housing justice and has received accolades that include:
22 the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Creative and Effective Institutions
23 Award, the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s National Housing Leader Award; the
24 Legal Aid Association of California’s Attorney Award of Merit and the Loren Miller Legal
25 Services Award, the State Bar of California’s highest honor; and

1 WHEREAS, NHLP publishes the authoritative text, *HUD Housing Programs: Tenants’*
2 *Rights*, the *Housing Law Bulletin*, and other legal resource materials and has recently
3 published a history of San Francisco affordable housing policy, *From Urban Renewal and*
4 *Displacement to Economic Inclusion: San Francisco Affordable Housing Policy from 1978 -*
5 *2012*; and

6 WHEREAS, NHLP has been selected by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of
7 Violence Against Women (“OVW”) to provide training and technical assistance to OVW
8 grantees on the housing rights of survivors of domestic violence and by the California
9 Department of Justice to provide assistance to consumer attorneys statewide on the
10 implementation of the newly adopted Homeowners Bill of Rights; and

11 WHEREAS, NHLP has championed the housing rights of people of color, immigrants
12 and people with limited English language proficiency, people with disabilities, survivors of
13 domestic violence, those who have re-entered society after incarceration, people who are
14 homeless or at risk of homelessness and others who face special obstacles in obtaining and
15 retaining affordable housing; and

16 WHEREAS, NHLP attorneys have assisted dozens of San Francisco legal
17 organizations, housing organizations, tenant organizations and government policymakers
18 concerned about affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the
20 National Housing Law Project for its steadfast 45-year commitment to housing justice and
21 proclaims October 17, 2013 as National Housing Law Project Day in San Francisco.

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