

1 [Resolution to Initiate the Designation of the Metro Theater, 2055 Union Street as a
2 Landmark.]

3 **Resolution initiating designation of the Metro Theater, 2055 Union Street, located on**
4 **the south side of Union Street, encompassing all of Lot 018 in Block 541, as a**
5 **Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater located at 2055 Union Street, originally known as the
8 Metropolitan, was opened on 23 April 1924 and is the work of prominent San Francisco
9 architects James and Merritt Reid; and

10 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater, originally the Metropolitan, was built for owner Samuel
11 H. Levin as part of Levin's San Francisco Theatres Inc. chain, which originally consisted of the
12 Alexandria, Coliseum, Metro, Harding, Balboa and Vogue theaters; and

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14 WHEREAS, The Metro's interior and exterior were remodeled by architect Timothy
15 Pflueger, re-opening on 7 June 1941, as the Metro, and representing a significant part of
16 Pflueger's theater design practice involving the renovation and update of classically inspired
17 theaters of the 1910s and 1920s into the more modern styles of the 30s and early 40s; and

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19 WHEREAS, The Metro Theater is an outstanding example of early twentieth century
20 theater architecture, renovated in 1941, that combines elements of the Neo-classical and Art
21 Deco architectural styles; and

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23 WHEREAS, The Metro is significant for its association with the renowned San
24 Francisco International Film Festival, being the first venue for such festival and the site of the
25 festival's Opening Night on 4 December 1957 and subsequent two-week run; now, therefore,
be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby initiate the
2 designation of the real property at 2055 Union Street, located on the south side of Union
3 Street encompassing all of Lot 018, in Block 541, including the building located thereon,
4 commonly known as the Metro Theater, as a Landmark, and so refers this resolution to the
5 Landmarks Preservation Advisory for review pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code and
6 other applicable provisions of law.

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