

1 [Honorary street name designation of Osaka Way]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City**  
4 **Association, and designating Osaka Way as an honorary street name to be located on**  
5 **Buchanan Street between Sutter and Post Streets.**

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7 WHEREAS, the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association was founded in 1957  
8 under the leadership of Mayor George Christopher; and

9 WHEREAS, the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association is San Francisco's oldest  
10 sister city relationship and one of the first sister city relationships between Japan and the  
11 United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Japantown (Nihonmachi) blends deeply-rooted traditions and values with  
13 the vitality of a modern business and cultural center is the historic Japanese American-  
14 Community; and

15 WHEREAS, Japantown has close ties to the City of Osaka that were furthered in 1968  
16 with the presentation of the Peace Pagoda, a five-tiered concrete stupa designed by  
17 Japanese architect Yoshiro Taniguchi, to San Francisco by the people of Osaka, Japan; and

18 WHEREAS, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco-Osaka Sister  
19 City Association, a delegation will conduct a trade and friendship mission to Japan in order to  
20 provide opportunities for city officials and citizens to promote cultural understanding and  
21 stimulate economic development between Osaka and San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is committed to make the 50<sup>th</sup>  
23 anniversary celebrations an opportunity to not only look back to the legacy of this relationship  
24 but to plan for the future, beyond this anniversary; therefore be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and Country of San Francisco  
 2 acknowledges and honors the City of Osaka, Japan, for 50 years of friendship and mutual  
 3 respect; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby commemorates the 50  
 5 year anniversary of the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association by designating Osaka  
 6 Way as an honorary street name which shall be located in Buchanan Street between Sutter  
 7 and Post Streets; and be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That Osaka Way shall be identified through the placement of  
 9 additional street signs on the portion of Buchanan Street designated above.

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