

1 [Protecting and Preserving the Palace of Fine Arts Swans.]

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3 **Resolution endorsing the presence of swans at the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon, and**
4 **urging the Recreation and Park Department, Animal Care and Control and the San**
5 **Francisco Police Department to develop a plan for the protection and preservation of**
6 **swans in the Palace of Fine Arts lagoon.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Palace of Fine Arts is one of San Francisco's most recognized
9 landmarks, and recently underwent an amazing renovation that ensures its viability for years
10 to come; and

11 WHEREAS, The Palace of Fine Arts was designed by renowned architect Bernard
12 Maybeck and built in 1915 as part of the Panama-Pacific Exposition with swans incorporated
13 into the design at that time; and,

14 WHEREAS, Community volunteers such as Gayle Hagerty and Judy Whilt have
15 continued this important tradition with minimal assistance from City departments; and,

16 WHEREAS, Sometime between November 12 and November 13, a horrific act of
17 cruelty resulted in the death of one of the swans, leaving the remaining swan, Blanche, in the
18 lagoon; and,

19 WHEREAS, This senseless crime could have been prevented, and other safety issues,
20 could be addressed with appropriate public and private coordination to ensure that the swans
21 at the Palace of Fine Arts are protected for years to come; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes and appreciates the hard work of the
23 various City agencies and departments in the wake of these events, and desires to solicit their
24 input into an amendment to the San Francisco Park Code that will ensure the viability of these
25 swans and their descendents; and,

1 WHEREAS, Any such plan will need to be implemented must be transparent and
2 reflect the input of concerned members of the public; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors endorses the presence of swans at the
4 Palace of Fine Arts lagoon; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and Park
6 Department, Animal Care and Control and the San Francisco Police Department develop a
7 plan to ensure the safety and long term viability of the swans in the Palace of Fine Arts
8 lagoon; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and Park
10 Department to inspect and replace burned out lighting at the Palace of Fine Arts; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests departments provide
12 written recommendations to the Board by January 1, 2011.

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