

1 **[Commending Breathe California Golden Gate Public Health Partnership]**

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3 **Resolution recognizing Breathe California on its 100th anniversary of continuous**
4 **service to the Bay Area community. Since 1908, Breathe California has been fighting**
5 **lung disease through prevention, education, advocacy and patient services.**
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7 Whereas Breathe California began serving the Bay Area community in 1908 as the
8 *San Francisco Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis*; and

9 Whereas, the initial meeting of the founding Board of Directors was held on Jackson
10 Street in San Francisco on June 25, 1908; and

11 Whereas, in 1908, tuberculosis (TB) was the leading cause of death in the United
12 States, most often striking men and women of 20 to 40 years of age, in the prime of their lives
13 as husbands, wives and breadwinners, and

14 Whereas, the majority of those infected with TB were people living or working in
15 unhygienic, crowded conditions; and

16 Whereas, immigrants, the poor and those without access to medical care suffered from
17 TB in disproportionate numbers; and

18 Whereas, the first two actions of the TB Association were to open a clinic where
19 indigent TB patients could receive proper care free of charge and, to prevent the further
20 spread of the disease, nurses were provided for home visits for TB sufferers; and

21 Whereas, many prominent San Franciscans, including Mr. and Mrs. William H.
22 Crocker, Mr. Jesse Lilienthal, Mrs. William Haas, Mr. Herbert C. Moffitt, M.D. and Dr. R.
23 Langley Porter served on the Board of the early TB Association and, with many San
24 Franciscans, providing funding for the Association's activities ; and

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1 Whereas, the TB Association was in the forefront of reducing death and suffering
2 associated with tuberculosis in the community; and

3 Whereas, Breathe California, the successor organization to the TB Association, is still
4 fighting for healthy lungs and improved public health in the Bay Area community through
5 asthma prevention and management, reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand
6 smoke, improving air quality and lessening the effects of emphysema and chronic obstructive
7 pulmonary disease (COPD); and

8 Whereas, Breathe California is the oldest voluntary health organization in California
9 and has been continually serving in the Bay Area since 1908,

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City and County of San Francisco commends
11 Breathe California, Golden Gate Public Health Partnership, on its achievements and
12 leadership in the field of public health and healthy lungs; and

13 Be it further resolved, that the City and County of San Francisco wishes Breathe
14 California continued success with its mission of fighting for healthy lungs as the organization
15 enters its second century of service to the Bay Area community.

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