

1 [Congratulating the opening of the Contemporary Jewish Museum in the City and County of
2 San Francisco on June 8, 2008]

3 **Resolution congratulating the opening of the Contemporary Jewish Museum in the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco on June 8, 2008.**

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6 WHEREAS, On June 8th, 2008, the City and County of San Francisco welcomed the
7 Contemporary Jewish Museum, which will enhance the richness of San Francisco's Jewish
8 life through the museum, the performances, and the educational programs; and

9 WHEREAS; The Contemporary Jewish Museum mixes aspects of a museum and a
10 community center, linking the past and present to integrate history, art, and ideas for its
11 visitors; and

12 WHEREAS; The Contemporary Jewish Museum, free for everyone 18 years of age
13 and younger, works to include all members of the community and welcome the young and the
14 old to participate in celebrating Jewish heritage and future; and

15 WHEREAS; The Contemporary Jewish Museum was built with the help of the San
16 Francisco Redevelopment Agency, which continues in its efforts to revitalize the Yerba Buena
17 neighborhood; and

18 WHEREAS; The Contemporary Jewish Museum Board of Trustees: Roselyne
19 Chroman Swig, Chair; Alison Geballe, Vice Chair; Matt Berler, Treasurer; David M. Levine,
20 Secretary; Pamela Baer; Matthew D. Barton; Naomi Caspe; Harry Cohn; Dana Corvin; Sally-
21 Ann Fain Epstein; Sam Hamilton; Sanford L. Hartman; F. Warren Hellman; Russell S.
22 Holdstein; Stuart A. Kogod; Stephen Leavitt, MD; Al Levitt; Joyce Linker; Siesel Maibach;
23 Alan P. Mark; Alexandra Moses; Josh H. Oliver; Vivek Ranadive; Dorothy Saxe; Mark L.
24 Schlesinger; Chara Schreyer; Paul H. Sedway; Joseph R. Seiger; Barbara J. Shragge;
25 Françoise Skurman; Eta Somekh; Ruth S. Stein; Michael Steinberg; Marilyn Waldman;

1 Ronald C. Wornick; Kenneth Zankel; and Connie Wolf, Director and CEO, should be
2 recognized for their dedication to a project that will reinvigorate the Bay Area Jewish
3 community and the San Francisco community with a sense of identity, connection, and
4 history; and

5 WHEREAS; Mayor Willie Brown and Mayor Gavin Newsom are to be thanked for their
6 unwavering support of the Contemporary Jewish Museum and their participation in the grand
7 opening; and

8 WHEREAS, The Contemporary Jewish Museum, through the efforts of architect Daniel
9 Libeskind and his extraordinary vision and imagination, has provided a structure that
10 contributes beauty and meaning to exhibitions and activities to be held at the museum; and

11 WHEREAS; Turner Construction must be thanked and acknowledged for providing
12 San Francisco with a well-constructed museum and for all of their effort and patience in the
13 building process and; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the Contemporary Jewish
15 Museum on its grand opening on June 8th, 2008 and wishes the museum the best of luck in
16 all of its future endeavors.

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