

1 [1906 Great Earthquake and Fire Expo Endorsement.]

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3 **Resolution endorsing the San Francisco Fire Department and Historical Society 1906**
4 **Great Earthquake and Fire Expo and declaring said Expo an official event of the City's**
5 **Centennial observances.**

6 WHEREAS, The year 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco Great
7 Earthquake and Fire of 1906; and

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906 destroyed the City
9 and was known as one of the worst disasters to ever befall an American city; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco Fire Chief Dennis Sullivan was killed during the disaster
11 and the San Francisco Fire Department struggled against all odds to save the barely 50-year-
12 old City; and

13 WHEREAS, The special place that San Francisco retained in the hearts and minds of
14 everyone who knew of it inspired generous financial assistance from Asia, Europe, Latin
15 America, corporations and private citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, With the Phoenix as its guide, San Francisco rose from the ashes to grow
17 and prosper, rebuilding, creating one of three American civic centers, sponsoring the 1915
18 Panama-Pacific Exposition, becoming the great, 20th century city, known as the Queen of the
19 West; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco became a pioneering city in the area of labor rights, civil
21 rights, tolerance and freedom of expression; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco, with its reputation for open discourse, diversity of its
23 citizenry and natural beauty remains one of the premiere destination cities in the world; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Centennial of the Earthquake and Fire of 1906 will be celebrated
2 and observed with all of the spirit, affection, pomp and circumstance befitting a world-class
3 city; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department and Historical Society will honor
5 the memory of the Disaster of 1906 and celebrate its rebirth by sponsoring and producing the
6 1906 Great Earthquake and Fire Expo on April 15, 16 and 17, 2006, which will be free and
7 open to the public at Pier 48, along the Embarcadero; and now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 declares the San Francisco Fire Department and Historical Society 1906 Great Earthquake
10 and Fire Expo an official event of the City's Centennial observances; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors expresses its gratitude to the
12 San Francisco Fire Department for taking the lead in the Centennial celebrations and for over
13 150 years of dedicated service for the safety and protection of the citizens of the City and
14 County of San Francisco.

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