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7 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell has served the City and County of San Francisco  
8 for over 25 years, and began her professional career 32 years ago with the University of San  
9 Francisco, California; and

10 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell began work at San Francisco General Hospital as  
11 a per diem nurse and through hard work gained a series of promotions that resulted in her  
12 obtaining the position of Chief Executive Officer in 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell's persistence and drive towards the commitment to  
14 care for the vulnerable and persons in need was consistently reflected in the services  
15 provided at San Francisco General Hospital; and

16 WHEREAS, under Gene Marie O'Connell's direction, San Francisco General Hospital  
17 is the only hospital in San Francisco with a trauma center, an emergency psychiatric unit, and  
18 provides over 20% of all inpatient care in San Francisco; and

19 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell's leadership has resulted in the enhancement of  
20 San Francisco General's trauma center, resulting in recognition from the American College of  
21 Surgeons and Joint Commission Accreditation for stroke care, and high quality inpatient  
22 services; and

23 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell's unfaltering dedication for the Proposition A  
24 campaign was solidified after the San Francisco community overwhelmingly voted yes for the  
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1 passage of Proposition A, funding the rebuilding of the San Francisco General Hospital  
2 Trauma Center during the November 2008 election; and

3 WHEREAS, under Gene Marie O'Connell's direction, San Francisco General Hospital  
4 has received many awards and recognition including the 2008 American Medical Association  
5 Ethical Force Programs Award for it's patient centered communications initiative, the 2007  
6 ambulatory Pediatric Association Health Care delivery Award, the 2006 Joint Commission  
7 Certificate of Appreciation, and the 2002 American Hospital Association's Nova Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell's talent, energy, and compassion is an inspiration  
9 to many and was honored in the achievement of the Spirit of the General award given to her  
10 this year for all of her contributions to San Francisco General; and

11 WHEREAS, Gene Marie O'Connell's hard work and leadership will survive at San  
12 Francisco General Hospital through her legacy, nationally recognized programs, and the  
13 superb patient care that was developed under her guidance; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Gene Marie  
15 O'Connell on her 32 years of dedicated service at San Francisco General Hospital and the  
16 greater San Francisco community, and wishes her many more years of health and happiness  
17 to come in her retirement.

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