

1 [Resolution initiating designation of 194 Church Street (Lot 016, Block 3537) as a Landmark.]

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3 **Resolution initiating designation of 194 Church Street, located at the intersection of**
4 **Church Street, Market Street and 14th Street, in Lot 016 and in Block 3537 as a**
5 **Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code.**

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7 WHEREAS, Medical Cannabis has been used as a medicine in the treatment of
8 cancer, HIV/AIDS, chronic pain, glaucoma, arthritis and other severe medical illness'; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1991, 79% of San Franciscan's supported Proposition P, supporting the
10 legalization of marijuana as a medicine to treat chronic illness; and

11 WHEREAS; In the spring of 1994, The Cannabis Buyers Club located at 194 Church
12 Street opened to the public becoming the first medical marijuana dispensary in San Francisco,
13 the State of California and the United States of America to help treat patients with life
14 threatening illness; and

15 WHEREAS, The Cannabis Buyers Club was founded by many of the authors of the
16 Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215) which legalized Medical Marijuana in
17 California in 1996, including Dennis Peron, "Brownie Mary" Rathburn, Dale Geiringer, Beth
18 More, Dr. Tod Mikuriya; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Cannabis Buyers Club was started primarily to help treat patients
20 suffering from HIV/AIDS located in San Francisco's Castro district, providing both medicine
21 and a safe location and friendly atmosphere for patients suffering from HIV/AIDS; and

22 WHEREAS, Since 1994, 194 Church street has remained open being variously called
23 the Cannabis Buyers Club, CHAMP (Californians Helping Alleviate Medical Problems), San
24 Francisco Medical Cannabis Clinic and is now called the Compassionate Care Clinic;
25 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby initiate the
2 designation of the real property at 194 Church Street, located at the intersection of Church,
3 Market, and 14th Streets in Lot 016, Block 3537, including the building located thereon,
4 commonly known as 194 Church Street, as a Landmark for the reasons set forth above, and
5 directs the Clerk of the Board to refer this resolution to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory
6 Board for review pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code and other applicable provisions
7 of law.

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