

1 [Calling upon the President to acknowledge and condemn the genocide in the Darfur region
2 of Western Sudan.]

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4 **Resolution calling upon the President to acknowledge and condemn the genocide in**
5 **the Darfur region of Western Sudan.**

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7 WHEREAS, The United States Congress adopted a resolution in July, 2004 declaring
8 that genocide is occurring in Sudan’s western region of Sudan; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Nations believes that more than 50,000 African Sudanese
10 have been killed by government-armed militiamen, “Janjaweed”, drawn from Sudan’s
11 nomadic Arab population in the past eighteen months; and

12 WHEREAS, The International Criminal Court defines genocide as the “systematic and
13 planned extermination of a national, racial, religious or ethnic group”; and

14 WHEREAS, The Janjaweed militiamen stand accused of systematic murder and rape
15 and burning the crops and homes of African villagers in Darfur, displacing more than one
16 million and making more than two million in need of humanitarian aid; and

17 WHEREAS, Thousands of Sudanese citizens have sought refuge in neighboring Chad,
18 a consequence of Sudan’s failed attempt to deliver sufficient aid and protection; and

19 WHEREAS, The sanction of genocide is both a legal and human catalyst for
20 international obligations under United Nations conventions; and

21 WHEREAS, The ongoing tragedy in Darfur brings inevitable comparisons to the
22 international community’s failure to stop the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, when 800,000
23 people were slaughtered by ethnic violence; and

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1 WHEREAS, Despite the resolution by Congress and actions by the United Nations
2 Security Council, the Bush Administration has said it does not have proof of genocide in
3 Darfur; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco acknowledges that the current
5 crisis in the Darfur region of Western Sudan is genocide; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco calls on President
7 Bush to speak out against the genocide in Darfur and to be vigilant in supporting international
8 efforts to end ethnic violence and to aid and assist the people of Sudan.

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