

1 [Supporting Maritime Union Job Retention]

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3 **Resolution supporting the retention of San Francisco maritime union jobs aboard the**
4 **Alcatraz ferry service and urging the San Francisco Port Commission to consider the**
5 **economic and traffic impacts of moving ferry service away from Fisherman’s Wharf.**
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7 WHEREAS, The Inlandboatmen’s Union members, (IBU) Marine Division of the
8 International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Masters, Mates and Pilots union
9 members (MMP) have manned the Alcatraz Ferry Boats since the Island opened to the public
10 as a National Park Service visitor destination in 1973; and,

11 WHEREAS, Forty IBU and MMP members currently work as captains, deckhands,
12 customer service representatives, maintenance workers and ticket agents; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Alcatraz Ferry Service, operating at Pier 41 in the heart of
14 Fisherman’s Wharf, is one of San Francisco’s most popular tourism destinations, drawing over
15 1.3 million visitors per year and providing revenues to adjacent businesses; and,

16 WHEREAS, Highly trained and skilled union crews have contributed to the Alcatraz
17 Ferry Service success by providing a safe and reliable operation that has received awards
18 from the National Park Service for performance and its environmental record; and,

19 WHEREAS, On September 27, 2005, The National Park Service selected Hornblower
20 Yachts Inc, an operator of dining yachts with no experience in point to point service, to
21 operate the Alcatraz Ferry concession; and,

22 WHEREAS, Hornblower Yachts Inc, does not employ union labor for its existing dining
23 excursions and has demonstrated a disregard for entering into collective bargaining
24 negotiations with the IBU and MMP for its excursion operations or in past bids for the
25 Alameda-Oakland Ferry Service; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the retention of
2 the Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific (IBU) and the Masters Mates and Pilots (MMP) as a
3 skilled labor force aboard Alcatraz Service Ferries, consistent with our waterfront’s maritime
4 union legacy and to continue its record of strong performance for Fisherman’s Wharf
5 businesses and the Port of San Francisco; and be it,

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Port
7 Commission to consider the impact of the loss of IBU and MMP crew on the Alcatraz Ferry
8 Service’s performance and standards of public safety; and be it,

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the San Francisco Port Commission to
10 consider the impact to Fisherman’s Wharf tourism businesses by the relocation of the Alcatraz
11 Ferry Service to another location outside of the Wharf and traffic impacts that may result; and
12 be it,

13 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that a
14 copy of this resolution be sent to San Francisco’s congressional delegation and the National
15 Park Service.

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