[Funding for Halloween Celebration]

URGING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO ALLOCATE \$30,000 TO THE MISSION ECONOMIC CULTURAL ASSOCIATION TO PRODUCE, ORGANIZE AND PROMOTE THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO HALLOWEEN STREET CELEBRATION AS WELL AS PROVIDE SECURITY, PORTABLE LAVATORIES, CLEAN UP SERVICES AND RELATED SERVICES.

event which attracts tourists from all over the world, the nation, and the Bay Area; and WHEREAS, From the event's epicenter in the Castro through Market Street and terminating at Civic Center, the annual celebration attracts crowds in excess of 800,000; and WHEREAS, Mission Economic Cultural Association (MECA), a non-profit cultural arts

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WHEREAS, Mission Economic Cultural Association (MECA), a non-profit cultural arts organization founded in 1985 to promote the cultural and artistic heritage of San Francisco Mission district's Latino, Indigenous, Caribbean and African Diaspora, began producing the annual Halloween celebration beginning in 1997; and

WHEREAS, In addition producing, organizing and publicizing the event, MECA also solicits private donations to offset costs, provides security in collaboration with the San Francisco Police Department, sets up portable lavatories for celebrants, post event clean up and janitorial services and numerous other related services as needed; and

WHEREAS, MECA's successful of production of the 1997 and 1998 Halloween celebration demonstrates their managerial expertise, ability to involve grassroots constituents in the production of the event as well as collaborating with various City departments such as Department of Public Works, MUNI, San Francisco Police Department and Department of Parking and Traffic; and

WHEREAS, Annual funding for Halloween Street Celebration, as well as Carnaval,
Latino Summer Fiesta and Cinco de Mayo has been provided by City through the Hotel Tax
Fund; and

WHEREAS, The \$162,500 allocated from the Hotel Tax Fund for the production of these cultural street celebrations neglected to include the Halloween Annual Celebration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urges the Mayor of San Francisco to allocate an additional \$30,000 to the Mission Economic Cultural Association to produce, organize, publicize the 1999 Halloween Street Celebration as well as to provide security, portable lavatories, clean up services and any related additional services.

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Mayor's Office to allocate \$30,000 to the Mission Economic Cultural Association to produce, organize and promote the annual San Francisco Halloween Street Celebration as well as provide security, portable lavatories, clean up services and related services.

September 27, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Brown

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 27, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr

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Date Approved