

1 [San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society.]

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3 **Resolution recognizing and commending the San Francisco African American**
4 **Historical & Cultural Society for their dedication and commitment to contributing to the**
5 **development and growth of San Francisco's African American community.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society (the
8 "Society") was founded in 1955 by James Herndon, Esq. and a group of young African
9 American men and women who recognized the need for a forum where African Americans
10 and others could come together to analyze, discuss devise strategies to address pertinent
11 local, national and international issues; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Society is the lineal descendant of the Athenaeum Library Company,
13 a literary society that was established by members of San Francisco's African American
14 community in the 1850's; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Society's mission is to contribute to the growth and development of
16 San Francisco's African American community by documenting and presenting true accounts
17 of its history; promoting the study and appreciation of African American history and culture,
18 particularly by African American youth; and by continuing to provide a discussion forum and
19 African-American life and history; and,

20 WHEREAS, For the past 49years the Society has consistently presented exhibits and
21 programs of the highest quality that accurately reflect the contributions of African Americans
22 to the broader community; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Society's Library and Archives are an invaluable to educators,
24 students, scholars, writers, film makers and the general public who seek accurate information

1 and historic documents and artifacts that tell the story of African Americans in San Francisco;
2 and,

3 WHEREAS, In 1958 the Society merged with the local chapter of the Association for
4 Study of African American Life and History, and thereby becoming the official sponsor of
5 Black History Month in San Francisco; and,

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7 WHEREAS, Since 1991 the Society has sponsored the official kickoff to Black History
8 Month in the Rotunda of City Hall; and,

9 WHEREAS, Over the years the Society and its members have been at the forefront of
10 efforts to improve the quality of life for all San Franciscans; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Society is a membership organization, with membership open to all
12 who support the Society's mission; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Society collaborates with institutions from other communities to
14 present programs and exhibits that highlight the contributions of each group and demonstrate
15 the values of collaboration and cooperation; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Society is best position to help African American and other youth
17 develop a deeper appreciation of who they are, where they come from and where their
18 responsibility to the community; and,

19 WHEREAS, Throughout its history the Society has hosted leading African and African
20 American dignitaries during visits to San Francisco; and, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisor
22 recognized and commend the San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society
23 for their dedication and commitment to contributing to the growth and development of San
24 Francisco's African American community.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 19, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young

for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Gavin Newsom

Mayor Gavin Newsom