

1 [Commending Supervisor David Chiu]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor David Chiu for his distinguished**
4 **service as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**
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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor David Chiu has served the residents of District 3 and the
7 people of the City and County of San Francisco with dedication for six years; and

8 WHEREAS, On his first day in office on January 8, 2009, Supervisor Chiu was elected
9 President of the Board of Supervisors by his colleagues, making him the first Asian American
10 to hold the position, and he became the longest-serving Board President of the modern era
11 after he was re-elected in 2011 and 2013, and

12 WHEREAS, Before being elected to public office, Supervisor Chiu worked as a
13 Congressional staffer, civil rights attorney, criminal prosecutor, and co-founder of a small
14 business, and he volunteered as board chair of a local neighborhood association and an
15 affordable housing nonprofit, among other community activities; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu's civil approach, calm demeanor and focus on
17 consensus-building have improved the tone in City Hall and brought a renewed focus on
18 getting things done in the City's legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu authored and passed over 100 ordinances and 240
20 resolutions across an incredible range of policy areas, including affordable housing, job
21 creation, workforce development, civil rights, language access, public safety, the environment,
22 urban agriculture, health care, transportation, ethics and technology, as he delivered for
23 tenants, workers, families, seniors, immigrants, small businesses, artists and others; and
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1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu fought for sound fiscal policy by authoring and
2 campaigning in 2009 for Proposition A, a Charter amendment that reformed the budget
3 process to require two-year budgeting, rainy day reserve, and five-year financial planning; and

4 WHEREAS, On the City's Capital Planning Committee, Supervisor Chiu forcefully
5 championed the first Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond in 2010 as well as
6 the second bond in 2014, better preparing San Francisco for natural disasters; and

7 WHEREAS, After years of advocacy dating from his time as a Small Business
8 Commissioner, Supervisor Chiu helped to lead the successful 2012 effort to replace the City's
9 unique and burdensome payroll tax with a business tax based on gross receipts, fostering job
10 growth and increasing revenues for much-needed City services; and

11 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu authored many first-in-the-country laws, including
12 establishing the right of workers to request flexible and predictable work schedules, phasing
13 out plastic water bottles on public lands, setting the nation's highest standards for energy
14 audits of commercial buildings, providing local contracting preferences for socially responsible
15 companies, and establishing right to civil counsel programs for low-income tenants and
16 immigrants; he also successfully passed legislation in policy areas stymied by years of
17 debate, including allowing condominium conversions for tenancy-in-common owners while
18 protecting tenants, providing a path to legalization for thousands of in-law housing units, and
19 regulating short-term rentals; and

20 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu and his staff worked on dozens of neighborhood projects
21 throughout District 3, from rebuilding the North Beach Library and Chinese Recreation Center,
22 ushering in new Joe DiMaggio and Waterfront Playgrounds, creating Community Benefit
23 Districts on Broadway and Lower Polk, championing a new Central Subway, Chinese Hospital
24 and North Beach/Chinatown City College campus, funding the restoration of Coit Tower and
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1 its historic murals, and pioneering participatory budgeting practices to allow residents to
2 directly vote on how neighborhood projects are funded; and

3 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu helped to further the renaissance of the City's northeast
4 waterfront through his support of projects such as the new Exploratorium at Pier 15, a new
5 Cruise Ship Terminal and public open space at Pier 27, and the pedestrian and bicycle
6 improvements on Jefferson Street; and

7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu's service on the Board of Supervisors will conclude on
8 December 1, 2014, when he is sworn in as a Member of the California State Assembly to
9 represent Assembly District 17; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the officers,
11 employees and residents of the City, do hereby publicly recognize the significant contributions
12 that Supervisor David Chiu has made to the people of San Francisco; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board, on behalf of the entire City family, wishes
14 Supervisor David Chiu well as he continues to advance the public good for years to come.