

1 [Fair Trade Certified Goods]

2

3 **Resolution establishing City policy of maximizing purchase of Fair Trade Certified**
4 **materials when procuring necessary goods for the City.**

5

6 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco annually spends hundreds of
7 thousands of dollars purchasing food, apparel and other goods; and,

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long history of supporting fair wages and safe and
9 humane working conditions for employees of those entities providing services or selling
10 products to the City; and,

11 WHEREAS, the City must be cognizant of the comprehensive labor conditions that may
12 be supported by its actions as a major market participant, including fair wages, sustainable
13 production practices and a work environment free from toxins; and,

14 WHEREAS, the City has recently established an ordinance sponsored by Supervisor
15 Maxwell entitled the Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance (file number 050595, introduced
16 April, 2005) that requires the City to purchase products that protect human health and the
17 environment; and

18 WHEREAS, “Fair Trade” certification is an innovative, market-based system that
19 encourages fair labor practices and a healthy and safe work environment by identifying food
20 and beverage products that generate fair economic benefit to the producers of these
21 products—often farmers in less developed countries; and

22 WHEREAS, sale of Fair Trade certified goods helps these small producers in
23 developing countries gain direct access to international markets in order to increase living
24 standards, economic independence, and encourage sustainable farming practices, and

25

1 WHEREAS, Fair Trade Certified products are widely available and competitively priced
2 in the United States, available through over 300 providers of food products including those
3 that provide coffee, tea, chocolate and fresh fruit; and,

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution proclaiming
5 May 8, 2005 as Fair Trade Day in support of a global economic system based in fair trade,
6 corporate responsibility, and socially responsible investment; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, the City and County of San Francisco establishes a policy to maximize
8 purchase of Fair Trade Certified products in the process of procuring necessary goods for the
9 city, when these products are available and comparably priced to non-certified materials; and,
10 be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Environment is requested to investigate
12 current purchasing options for Fair Trade Certified goods and issue recommendations by
13 December, 2005 that identify how the city can maximize purchase of competitively priced Fair
14 Trade Certified coffee, tea, chocolate and other food products and potentially compel city
15 contractors to provide such goods; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, based on these recommendations, the city will implement a
17 process to maximize purchase of Fair Trade Certified goods, possibly through the
18 procurement process established in the Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance or through a
19 separate ordinance if appropriate.
20
21
22
23
24
25