

1 [Legion of Honor Centennial Celebration - November 9, 2024, and November 11, 2024]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Legion of Honor and**
4 **acknowledging the Centennial Celebration on November 9, 2024, and November 11,**
5 **2024.**

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7 WHEREAS, The California Palace of the Legion of Honor, a cherished gift from Alma
8 de Bretteville Spreckels to the City of San Francisco, was constructed nearly 100 years ago;
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10 WHEREAS, Inspired by the French Pavilion at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International
11 Exposition, Alma Spreckels, with the support of her husband Adolph B. Spreckels, sought to
12 create a museum celebrating French art and culture, leading to the construction of the Legion
13 of Honor in Lincoln Park, formerly known as City Cemetery; and

14 WHEREAS, The Legion of Honor, originally opened on Armistice Day, November 11,
15 1924, was established as both a monument to French art and a memorial honoring the 3,600
16 Californian soldiers who perished in World War I; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the past century, the museum has expanded its focus from French
18 art to a comprehensive institution housing significant collections of European painting,
19 sculpture, decorative arts, ancient art, and works on paper, including the extensive
20 Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts; and

21 WHEREAS, The museum has undergone significant renovations and expansions,
22 including a major seismic upgrade and a 35,000-square-foot underground expansion
23 completed in 1995, enhancing visitor services and exhibition spaces while preserving the
24 building's historic architectural integrity; and

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1 WHEREAS, In October 2022, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors designated City
2 Cemetery, the historical burial ground upon which the Legion of Honor is located, as a
3 landmark to honor and preserve the memory of the 19th-century San Franciscans interred
4 there; and

5 WHEREAS, The Legion of Honor continues to serve the public through a rich array of
6 exhibitions, educational programs, and cultural events, maintaining its commitment to
7 honoring the past while enriching the lives of San Franciscans and visitors from around the
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, The Centennial Celebration will include a range of events and activities
10 reflecting the museum’s long history and its ongoing role as a cultural beacon, including
11 special exhibitions, public tours, and community engagement initiatives; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the 100 years of art and
13 cultural enrichment provided by the Legion of Honor to the City of San Francisco and its
14 visitors; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join in the
16 Centennial Celebration on November 9, 2024, at the Legion of Honor, located in Lincoln Park,
17 to commemorate the museum’s enduring legacy and continued contributions to the arts and
18 community; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors also invites the public to attend the
20 Veterans Day commemoration on November 11, 2024, at the Legion of Honor, to honor the
21 veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

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