

1 [Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in California]

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3 **Resolution celebrating 100 years of women’s voting rights in the State of California.**

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5 WHEREAS, Women in the State of California were granted the right to vote as a result
6 of a special election in October of 1911, when the voters of the state adopted Proposition 4;
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8 WHEREAS, California established the right to vote for women 9 years before the
9 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution granted that right to
10 women across the country; and,

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a proud heritage of producing many great women
12 leaders; and,

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco enjoys strong representation from a broad diversity of
14 women in its current local, state, and federal political delegations, including California
15 Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Fiona Ma, Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi,
16 who represent San Francisco’s two Congressional districts, and California’s two Senators to
17 the United States Congress, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; and,

18 WHEREAS, Representative Nancy Pelosi served as the first female Speaker of the
19 House in the history of the United States House of Representatives; and,

20 WHEREAS, Dianne Feinstein also served as the first woman President of the Board of
21 Supervisors in San Francisco and the first woman Mayor of the City; and,

22 WHEREAS, Kamala Harris served as the first woman District Attorney for the County
23 of San Francisco, and now serves as the first woman Attorney General for the State of
24 California; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Three current members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors are
2 women, Supervisors Carmen Chu, Malia Cohen, and Jane Kim; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco recognizes the incredible
4 accomplishments of women leaders in the State of California over the past 100 years; and,
5 be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco supports the increased involvement of all members of its community in the political
8 process, and urges young women to participate in civic affairs and consider careers in the
9 political arena; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors honors the work of those who
11 fought for women’s voting rights during the suffrage movement, and recognizes the efforts of
12 the women and men who worked tirelessly for the adoption of Proposition 4, 100 years ago.