

1 [Welcoming Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch, Tibetan Freedom Torch, and Global Human Rights
2 Torch Relay]

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4 **Resolution welcoming the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch, the Tibetan Freedom Torch and**
5 **the Global Human Rights Torch to San Francisco and urging City Representatives**
6 **accepting the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch to welcome the Torch in the true spirit of the**
7 **Olympics, consistent with the United Nations Charter established in this City, and the**
8 **United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Beijing 2008 Torch Relay, the Tibetan Freedom Torch, and the
11 Global Human Rights Torch Relay will make stops in San Francisco in 2008; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Global Human Rights Torch Relay (HRTR) will arrive in San
13 Francisco on April 5, 2008, the Tibetan Freedom Torch will make its stop in San Francisco on
14 April 8, 2008, and the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay will make its first and only stop in all
15 of North America in San Francisco on April 9, 2008; and,

16 WHEREAS, People from all lands, including China, have come to the United
17 States of America and passed through or settled in San Francisco seeking a better life,
18 including religious and other fundamental human freedoms; and,

19 WHEREAS, it is a source of pride for many San Franciscans that San Francisco is the
20 only City in North America which will receive the Beijing 2008 Torch Relay; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Charter of the United Nations was signed in the City and
22 County of San Francisco in the War Memorial Opera House on June 26, 1945; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United
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1 Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1947, recognizes the inherent dignity and the
2 equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom,
3 justice and peace in the world; and,

4 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China, as a United Nations Member State
5 since October 25, 1971, is pledged to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and
6 therein to achieve the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and
7 fundamental freedoms; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Olympic Charter sets forth the conditions for the celebration of the
9 Olympic Games and codifies the fundamental principles of Olympism, the goal of which is to
10 place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to
11 promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Olympic Charter calls for “respect for universal fundamental ethical
13 principles” and “the harmonious development of man, with a view to promoting a peaceful
14 society concerned with the preservation of human dignity... Any form of discrimination with
15 regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or otherwise is
16 incompatible with belonging to the Olympic Movement”; and,

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long record of fighting for the advancement of
18 human rights for all people; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors welcomes the Beijing 2008 Torch Relay,
20 the Tibetan Freedom Torch, and the Human Rights Torch Relay to San Francisco; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City’s
22 representative who will officially receive the 2008 Summer Olympic Games Torch to
23 welcome the Torch in the true spirit of Olympism, consistent with the United Nations Charter
24 established in this City, and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
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