

1 [Michael Rios - San Francisco Artist Emeritus]

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3 **Resolution designating Michael Rios an Artist Emeritus of the City and County of San**  
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Michael Rios has devoted 50 years of his life in San Francisco to creating  
7 beautiful artistic masterworks that reflect the vibrant characters and rich cultural heritage of  
8 the city’s people and collective spirit; and

9 WHEREAS, In particular, Rios’s many Mission District murals are globally renowned for  
10 their inspiring manifestations of the neighborhood’s vital Latino soul, as well as the artist’s own  
11 Chicano heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, Rios’s iconic album cover work for one of San Francisco’s most beloved  
13 musicians, Carlos Santana, is recognized throughout the world and has helped to put San  
14 Francisco on the map as a city that celebrates the intersection of art and music; and

15 WHEREAS, Rios’s prolific paintings and portraits are woven throughout the fabric of  
16 San Francisco’s neighborhoods, not just as community murals, but also adorning the walls of  
17 private residences and public institutions, as well as stage props, clothing and fabrics; and

18 WHEREAS, Rios has long been a fixture of San Francisco’s arts community, not only  
19 inspiring and uplifting with his work, but known by many for his soft-spoken gentle demeanor  
20 and his advocacy to keep artists from being displaced by San Francisco; and

21 WHEREAS, Rios’s humble arts studio at Pier 70 will be relocated by the Port of San  
22 Francisco and ultimately become a part of Pier 70’s future transformation into a waterfront hub  
23 for San Francisco’s arts communities; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco do  
2 designate Michael Rios an Artist Emeritus of San Francisco for his uplifting lifetime  
3 contributions to the arts community in San Francisco.

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