

1 [Supporting AB1147 – California Industrial Hemp Farming Act]

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3 **Resolution Urging the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor of California**
4 **to support Assembly Bill 1147 (AB1147), introduced by Assemblyman Mark Leno, the**
5 **"The California Industrial Hemp Farming Act".**
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7 WHEREAS, Existing state law does not address the legality of growing hemp in
8 California; and,

9 WHEREAS, The retail market for hemp products in North America is estimated at \$150
10 million and growing; and,

11 WHEREAS, Hemp fiber, oil and non-viable seed must currently be imported from
12 outside the United States; and,

13 WHEREAS, California farmers would immediately benefit from participating in the
14 hemp products market and would be positioned as leaders in the growing North American
15 market; and,

16 WHEREAS, Hemp is used to make a wide variety of products including paper,
17 clothing, rope, food products, soap, body care products and building materials; and,

18 WHEREAS, Hemp can be cultivated as an alternative to other crops which are grown
19 with harmful chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and defoliates; and,

20 WHEREAS, California has a chance to lead the nation toward an environmentally
21 sustainable alternative to turning our last remaining forests into paper; and,

22 WHEREAS, Assemblyman Mark Leno introduced a bill that allows the agricultural
23 production of industrial hemp for intra-state commerce; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper and hemp
25 has a long history of commercial use within the United States; now, therefore, be it

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 strongly urges the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor of California to support
3 Assembly Bill 1147 (AB1147), the “California Industrial Hemp Farming Act”; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors direct the Clerk of the Board to
5 send copies of this resolution, upon passage, to the California Assembly and Senate and the
6 Governor of California.

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