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4 **attempt to set a new World Record on June 11, 2001 in completing their hundredth**
5 **open-water swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, June 11, 2001 is the 39th anniversary of the only known escape from the
8 infamous prison island of Alcatraz; and

9 WHEREAS, Alcatraz is located 1.5 miles from San Francisco, in frigid 50-degree,
10 shark-infested waters, surrounded by treacherous and choppy currents that run in and out of
11 the Golden Gate up to eight miles per hour, more than twice as fast as a person can swim;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Pedro Ordenes, age 53, of Corte Madera, California, and Gary Emich,
14 age 50, of Pacifica, California, completed their first Alcatraz swim in 1993 and have achieved
15 an average of more than one Alcatraz swim a month since then, wearing nothing but
16 swimsuits, caps & goggles; and

17 WHEREAS, on June 11, 2001, Mr. Ordenes and Mr. Emich will attempt their 100th
18 swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco, starting at 7:30 a.m.; and

19 WHEREAS, this achievement will set a new Guinness World Record; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors communicates its best
22 wishes to Pedro Ordenes and Gary Emich as they attempt the feat of swimming from Alcatraz
23 to San Francisco for the 100th time on June 11, 2001, thus setting a new World Record.
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June 4, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,
Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 4, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.