

1 ["Dr. Cynthia Maung Day" on November 6, 2005]

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3 **Resolution declaring "Dr. Cynthia Maung Day" on her visit to the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco on November 6, 2005.**

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6 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Burma's military junta has ruled by decree
7 and is not bound by constitutional provisions providing any fundamental human rights; and
8 abuses by government security forces are well-documented and include rape, torture, extra-
9 judicial killings, arbitrary arrests, incommunicado detentions, infringements on citizens'
10 privacy, forced relocations, and conscription of child soldiers, causing an exodus of almost
11 700,000 refugees pouring out of Burma into neighboring countries; and

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13 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Maung, founder of "Mae Tao" medical clinic at the Thai-Burma
14 border town of Mae Sot has been providing free treatment for the sick and wounded Burmese
15 refugees fleeing from Burma's oppressive regime since the 1988 uprisings and killings for the
16 past 17 years; and

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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Maung has been providing medical healthcare and community
19 services at the border, treating as many as 150 patients a day, delivering 20 babies a month,
20 training 30 medics a year, venturing into the jungle at great risk to where villagers need her
21 help in areas isolated from the rest of the world; and

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24 WHEREAS, In a conflict where inefficiencies and corruption abound, Dr. Cynthia
25 Maung is trusted to use money wisely for humanitarian aid. Her work is supported by foreign

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1 aid from the U.S., France, Canada, Japan, Australia, Germany, England, Thailand, and many
2 other private donors; and
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4 WHEREAS, Among doctors, relief workers, and all who know her, Dr. Cynthia Maung
5 is known by what she does and not by what she says. She never boasts nor tries to take
6 credit for her work. She has a reputation as a doctor, diplomat, administrator, healer of souls
7 and among her own people, the likeliest candidate for sainthood; and
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9 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Maung has won a slew of international prizes, most recently a
10 'Ramon Magsaysay' award for community leadership. She is here in the Bay Area to accept
11 the 'Heroes of Compassion' award from His Holiness the Dalai Lama; and
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13 WHEREAS, The people of San Francisco have a history of concern, compassion, and
14 involvement with human rights struggles around the world and the City and County of San
15 Francisco has a tradition of going on record to support and honor these ideals; now, therefore
16 be it
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19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declare November
20 6, 2005 as "Dr. Cynthia Maung Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.
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