1 [Supporting applications for the State funding of the Museum of the African Diaspora]

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3 **Resolution urging support for the Museum of the African Diaspora by the California**

4 **Cultural and Historical Endowment.**

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6   WHEREAS, The Museum of the African Diaspora ("Museum") will be a world class

7 museum that utilizes the art, culture, and history of individuals of African heritage in California

8 and worldwide; and

9   WHEREAS, The Museum's mission is to connect all people through understanding the

10 culture and history of the African Diaspora; and,

11   WHEREAS, Planning for the Museum began in 2001, involving dozens of local and

12 nationally known scholars and community leaders as well as cultural institutional

13 management, architectural, and design contractors to ensure the Museum's success; and,

14   WHEREAS, Construction to build the museum is slated to start in December, 2004;

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16   WHEREAS, The Museum is securing funds to build the exhibition, education, and

17 public events spaces of the new facility; and,

18   WHEREAS, The Museum has received funding to support these projects from the

19 Redevelopment Agency, Hewlett Packard, Carpenter & Carpenter Foundation, and is

20 applying for funds from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment; and,

21   WHEREAS, Thse funds will be used to build a Celebrations Immersive Theater, and

22 Exhibit on Slavery, a Human Timeline, an active photographic Diaspora Mosaic mural, and a

23 Freedom – Decision Theater; and,

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1   WHEREAS, It is anticipated that this institution will become one of the world's pre-

2   eminent institutions relating the culture and history of African Americans and individuals of

3   African descent around the world; now, therefore, be it

4   RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisor supports funds to complete

5   the Museum, and endorses the Museum's application for funding from the California Cultural

6   and Historical Endowment of the State of California.

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