

1 [Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the re-opening of the newly established Dr. Jorge Bocobo**
4 **Philippine-American Cultural Center, the main project of the Foundation and the**
5 **Filipino Artists, Writers and Performers, which is currently located at the Filipino**
6 **Education Center.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center, Archives and
9 Museum Foundation ("Center"), was recently founded in memory of the late Dr. Jorge
10 Bocobo, who as a former President of the University of the Philippines and one of the first
11 Philippine Government *pensionados* (scholars) sent to an American university where he
12 earned his law degree at Indiana University the first of its kind in the City and County of San
13 Francisco; and,

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bocobo along with his daughter, Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat, as its
15 Founder/Director created the mission of the Center, as:

- 16 1. To interweave Filipino culture into the American pattern and to enhance the
17 awareness of American Filipinos of their rich, cultural heritage through Filipino
18 dances, songs, art shows, book exhibits, cultural arts programs, literary and musical
19 presentations, and the talents and creations of the Filipino artists, writers,
20 performers and Filipino American youth; and
- 21 2. To integrate Filipino arts into the American society and the multi-ethnic
22 communities, through the annual Philippine-American Cultural Celebrations on June
23 12th, which celebrates four Philippine holidays, including Philippine Independence
24 Day, the birthday of Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, American
25 Independence Day and Filipino-American Friendship Day; and,

1 WHEREAS, Despite its large population in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area
2 the Filipino-American community does not have a cultural center such as the African
3 American Center for the Arts, the Japantown Center, the Mexican Museum, the Jewish
4 Museum, among others; and,

5 WHEREAS, The Filipino Education Center, located at 824 Harrison Street, was built
6 and established in 1976, as a Filipino Bilingual School with Ross Quema hired as its first
7 Principal; and,

8 WHEREAS, Since the Filipino Education Center was recently officially closed by the
9 San Francisco Unified School District; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does
11 hereby support the re-opening of the Filipino Education Center, otherwise known as the
12 "home" of the newly established Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center,
13 Archives and Museum in order to retain the Filipino Immersion Program which will provide for
14 after-school hours classes so that students are given the opportunity to learn all aspects of
15 Filipino culture and arts.



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October 1, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,
Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 2 - Daly, Maxwell

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 1, 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.