

1 [Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Sister-State Relationship Between California
2 and Osaka]

3 **Resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relationship**
4 **between the State of California and the Osaka Prefecture.**

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6 WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between
7 the State of California and Osaka Prefecture, a bond that has fostered mutual understanding,
8 economic growth, and cultural exchange; and

9 WHEREAS, California and Osaka have engaged in numerous cooperative efforts since
10 the establishment of this relationship, contributing significantly to the prosperity and well-being
11 of their respective citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1860, San Francisco underscored its significance as a gateway to the
13 Pacific and Japan by hosting the nation's inaugural diplomatic mission aboard the ship Kanrin
14 Maru; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Japantown, one of just three historic Japantowns
16 remaining in the United States, was founded by Japanese immigrants in the late 19th century,
17 their enduring contributions, along with those of their descendants, have significantly enriched
18 the diverse cultural, communal, and identity landscape of the city; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco shares profound historical connections with Osaka and its
20 residents, exemplified by the Peace Pagoda, gifted to San Francisco by Osaka in 1968, this
21 five-tiered concrete stupa has become an enduring symbol of San Francisco's historic
22 Japantown, additionally, Osaka Way serves as the neighborhood's central hub, embodying its
23 geographic and cultural essence; and

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1 WHEREAS, The City of Osaka and the broader Kansai region of Japan will host "Expo
2 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan" from April 13th through October 13, 2025, underscoring a
3 commitment to innovation, sustainability, and global collaboration; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a
5 Resolution commemorating the 2025 World Expo on December 6, 2022; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors celebrates the 30th
7 anniversary of the sister-state relationship between the State of California and Osaka
8 Prefecture, honoring decades of friendship, cooperation, and mutual growth; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the historic ties
10 between the State of California and Osaka Prefecture, and San Francisco and the City of
11 Osaka.