

1 [Commending New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator Liz Krueger and State
2 Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal for New York Assembly Bill A8704C]

3 **Resolution commending New York State Senator Liz Krueger and Assembly Member**
4 **Linda Rosenthal for co-sponsoring and passing New York State Assembly Bill A8704C,**
5 **relating to prohibiting advertising for the use of dwelling units in class A multiple-**
6 **dwelling buildings in New York City, and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo for**
7 **signing it into law on October 21, 2016.**

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9 WHEREAS, The proliferation of illegal short-term tourist rentals has severely impacted
10 the housing stock of cities across the world, including New York and San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, Commissioned studies and public investigations in both San Francisco
12 and New York have revealed that the majority of short-term rentals listed with online
13 businesses like Airbnb, which generate billions of dollars from this loosely regulated business
14 model, are illegal; and

15 WHEREAS, A 2016 report commissioned by MFY Legal Service and Housing
16 Conservation Coordinators found that 28,765 of Airbnb’s New York short-term rental listings
17 (or 56%) were offering illegal lodging for fewer than 30 days, as opposed to entering into
18 lease agreements with permanent residential tenants; and

19 WHEREAS, A 2016 NBC Bay Area investigation revealed that at least 82% of San
20 Francisco Airbnb listings were illegal over two years after San Francisco began regulating the
21 short-term rental industry; and

22 WHEREAS, Political contributions to local electoral campaigns and lawsuits are just
23 two of the tools that have been used by the short-term rental industry to strenuously resist
24 every good faith attempt to enforce common-sense public policy and rein in illegal financial
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1 transactions that have directly contributed to a lack of permanent housing in both San
2 Francisco and New York; and

3 WHEREAS, These scare tactics are an attempt to intimidate public policy makers into
4 prioritizing corporate interests over residents; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 recognizes the tremendous legislative courage of the New York State Legislature and New
7 York Governor Andrew Cuomo in adopting sound public policy that protects valuable housing
8 stock and residents; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
10 Francisco commends New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator Liz
11 Krueger and New York Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal for their joint efforts to adopt New
12 York Assembly Bill A8704C into law, which prohibits illegal listings in multi-unit housing in
13 New York; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
15 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this resolution to the respective offices of
16 the New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York Senator Liz Krueger and New York
17 Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal upon final passage.

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