

1 [Resolution recognizing and supporting the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society as
2 the official historical museum of the City and County of San Francisco.]

3 **Resolution recognizing and supporting the San Francisco Museum and Historical**
4 **Society, the successor organization to the Museum of the City of San Francisco, as the**
5 **official historical museum of the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Museum of the City of San Francisco (“Museum”) was opened in
8 1991 to present exhibitions depicting the history of the City of San Francisco from its origins
9 as a Spanish garrison, to its renown as a Gold Rush boom town, to the world attention
10 directed at it as a famous “Earthquake City,” and depicting the lives of the people who – then
11 and now – have called San Francisco their home; and

12 WHEREAS, The Museum’s objectives are:

- 13 (1) To acquire, collect, organize, preserve and exhibit materials relating to the history
14 of the City of San Francisco and its surrounding area,
15 (2) To act as a repository for original research materials regarding the numerous San
16 Francisco earthquakes,
17 (3) To disseminate historical information about both the facts and myths of the City’s
18 past, and
19 (4) to serve as a resource center for interested visitors and San Franciscans, as well
20 as for students and scholars; and

21 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 173-95 in 1995
22 urging the Mayor to recognize the “Museum of the City of San Francisco” as the official
23 historical museum of the City and County of San Francisco, a copy of which is on file with the
24 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 197-95-4; and

1 WHEREAS, Since the re-opening of City Hall in January 1999, the Museum has
2 exhibited San Francisco historical materials in the City Hall South Light Court to thousands of
3 City Hall visitors, including Bay Area residents, students and tourists; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Historical Society (“Historical Society”) was organized
5 in 1988 to preserve, interpret and present the historical heritage of San Francisco from its
6 variegated natural history to its lively human history; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Historical Society is to preserve, interpret, present and
8 disseminate historical data, information, and knowledge relating to the City and County of San
9 Francisco so as to enhance the experience of living in or visiting San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, The Museum and Historical Society have agreed to merge into a new
11 entity, to be known as the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society; and

12 WHEREAS, The merged entity would continue to carry out the objectives of the
13 Museum and the Historical Society; and

14 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors finds that there is a strong public interest in the
15 presentation of information and ongoing exhibitions to the public regarding the history of the
16 City and County of San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors finds that there is a strong public interest in
18 cataloging, preserving and maintaining a collection that focuses on the historical and cultural
19 artifacts of the City and County of San Francisco for scholarly research and education;

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors finds that there is a strong public benefit to have
21 a San Francisco museum and historical society for the use and enjoyment of San Francisco
22 residents and visitors; and

23 WHEREAS, The Museum, upon completion of the merger with the Historical Society,
24 will be replaced by the successor organization known as the San Francisco Museum and
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1 Historical Society and the City will no longer have an officially recognized historical museum;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and supports the San
4 Francisco Museum and Historical Society, the successor organization to the Museum of the
5 City of San Francisco, as the official historical museum of the City and County of San
6 Francisco.

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Date Passed:

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February 25, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

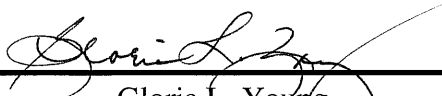
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Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

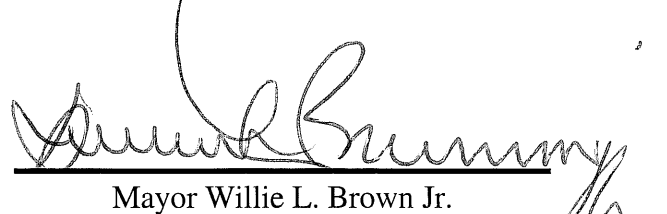
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.