

1 [International Museum of Women Lease Agreement Exemption.]

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3 **Resolution exempting the potential lease of Pier 26 and Pier 24 annex to the**  
4 **International Museum of Women from the competitive bidding policy set forth in**  
5 **Administrative Code Section 2.6-1.**

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7 WHEREAS, As set forth in Board Resolution No. 659-01, adopted on August 13, 2001,  
8 this Board of Supervisors welcomed the International Museum of Women to San Francisco  
9 and urged the Port Commission of San Francisco to negotiate with the International Museum  
10 of Women for the possible lease of Pier 26 on mutually agreeable terms and conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, Pursuant to the urging by this Board of Supervisors, the Port Commission  
12 staff and the International Museum of Women have been in discussions regarding the terms  
13 and conditions for the possible lease of Pier 26; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Port Commission staff and the International Museum of Women also  
15 have been in discussions regarding the possible addition of Pier 24 Annex to the potential  
16 demised premises, to the extent such addition is in the best interest of the Port Commission  
17 and the parties are able to agree upon mutually acceptable terms and conditions; and,

18 WHEREAS, As set forth in Administrative Code Section 2.6-1, it is the policy of this  
19 Board of Supervisors to approve only such proposed leases involving property or facilities of  
20 the City and County of San Francisco that have been awarded to the highest responsible  
21 bidders in accordance with the competitive bidding procedures, except where impractical or  
22 impossible; and,

23 WHEREAS, the International Museum of Women presents a unique cultural and  
24 educational opportunity for the people of the City and County of San Francisco in providing a  
25 museum dedicated solely to the global contributions and experience of women and their

1 significant achievements in the development of nations, economics, science, maritime  
2 industry, commerce, recreation, and cultural and social advancement throughout the world;  
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, There is no museum in the United States solely dedicated to the global  
5 contributions and experiences of women; and,

6 WHEREAS, The International Museum of Women is a unique institution and will be the  
7 first major museum anywhere to honor and celebrate women worldwide; and,

8 WHEREAS, The location of the International Museum of Women on the waterfront has  
9 the potential to serve an important public purpose by creating a unique new educational,  
10 recreational and cultural resource for the entire Bay Area and the nation and to provide  
11 beneficial uses of Port property, including historic preservation and create public access to the  
12 waterfront; and,

13 WHEREAS, The competitive bidding policy of this Board of Supervisors would likely  
14 prevent the City and County of San Francisco from capturing the unique and exciting  
15 opportunity presented by the International Museum of Women; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors exempts the potential lease of Pier 26 and  
17 Pier 24 Annex to the International Museum of Women from the competitive bidding policy set  
18 forth in Administrative Code Section 2.6-1; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the Port Commission of San Francisco and the  
20 International Museum of Women agree upon mutually acceptable terms of a lease of Pier 26  
21 and Pier 24 Annex, this Board of Supervisors shall not disapprove such proposed lease solely  
22 on the basis that it does not satisfy the competitive bidding policy set forth in Administrative  
23 Code Section 2.6-1.

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