

1 [Free and Safe Passage of Whales and Dolphins in San Francisco’s Coastal Waters]

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3 **Resolution supporting the free and safe passage of whales and dolphins in San**
4 **Francisco’s coastal waters, San Francisco Bay, and its estuaries.**

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6 WHEREAS, Scientific evidence has shown whales and dolphins to be highly intelligent,
7 sentient, emotional marine mammals that live in families or close-knit socially-oriented groups,
8 lasting generations; and

9 WHEREAS, Whales cited near San Francisco include Blue Whales, Gray Whales,
10 Humpback Whales, and Orcas; and

11 WHEREAS, Dolphins cited near San Francisco include Bottlenose Dolphin, the Pacific
12 White-sided Dolphin, and the Harbor Porpoise; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a long history of supporting
14 efforts to protect marine mammals, including calling for and supporting local and international
15 protections; and

16 WHEREAS, It is imperative that these magnificent creatures be protected in their
17 natural environment; and

18 WHEREAS, Captive individuals display signs of increased psychological stress and a
19 higher mortality rate; and

20 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare adopted a
21 Resolution supporting the free and safe passage of marine mammals; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports the free and safe
23 passage of all whales and dolphins in our coastal waters, including the Pacific Ocean, the San
24 Francisco Bay, and its estuaries; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That every whale and dolphin has the right to be free of
2 captivity, and to remain unrestricted in their natural environment.

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