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6 WHEREAS, The AIDS Quilt was conceived in San Francisco in 1985 at a candlelight
7 memorial for Harvey Milk and George Moscone as a weapon in the struggle against the AIDS
8 epidemic; and

9 WHEREAS, The Quilt memorializes over 83,440 people who have died from AIDS,
10 many from the San Francisco Bay Area, and is 243 square miles, more than four times the
11 size of the City of San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, The Quilt has become an international symbol of AIDS advocacy borne
13 out of the intense geographic impact of the AIDS epidemic in San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite its deep roots in San Francisco, and the continuing need for
15 innovative AIDS prevention tools in the City, the Quilt is currently unavailable as a tool for
16 anyone in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco's incredible AIDS service organizations, activists and
18 educators continue working to reduce the transmission rate in our City and combat the effects
19 of drugs like Crystal Meth, and do so without the benefit of the AIDS Quilt; and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors urged the Names Project Foundation to return
21 the AIDS Quilt to San Francisco in 2004 and urged the Department of Real Estate to identify
22 City-owned property that may be suitable to house the quilt; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Names Project Foundation to
24 return the AIDS Quilt to San Francisco so that our local Community can benefit from its
25 immense emotional and educational impact.