

1 [Commendation]

2 COMMENDING THE FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD
3 PARK GRANTS PROGRAM.

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5 WHEREAS, Friends of Recreation and Parks (FRIENDS) is a
6 nonprofit organization committed to protecting and enhancing San
7 Francisco's parks; and,

8 WHEREAS, Since 1971, FRIENDS has raised millions of dollars to
9 benefit parks throughout the City; and,

10 WHEREAS, Accomplishments of FRIENDS include revitalization of
11 Golden Gate Park's West End, planting of tens of thousands of trees
12 and shrubs, opening of Golden Gate Park's first Visitor Center in the
13 Beach Chalet and rehabilitation of the Conservatory of Flowers; and,

14 WHEREAS, Goals of FRIENDS include fostering a sense of
15 stewardship among private citizens, creating an awareness of what it
16 takes to maintain a healthy park system, and enabling neighborhood
17 groups and civic entities to undertake park projects; and,

18 WHEREAS, To further these goals, FRIENDS created the
19 Neighborhood Park Grants (NPG) program to provide matching funds and
20 technical assistance to neighborhood groups undertaking improvements
21 to their local parks; and,

22 WHEREAS, Grants of \$1,000 to \$10,000 are available for special
23 projects, programs, events or physical improvements through NPG; and,

24 WHEREAS, Projects that are funded through NPG must create an
25 enhancement for a neighborhood park, must include a cash or in-kind

1 match, and should serve as a model of collaboration with the San
2 Francisco Department of Recreation and Park; and,

3 WHEREAS, NPG helps improve parks that do not attract a lot of
4 attention and funds small projects and improvements that may not be
5 eligible for City funding; and,

6 WHEREAS, Since 1996, FRIENDS has awarded \$175,000 in grants to
7 San Francisco's neighborhood parks; and,

8 WHEREAS, Examples of Neighborhood Park Grants include a kiosk
9 for Palega Park and Recreation Center, mural restoration at Juri
10 Commons, computer equipment for a latchkey program at Joseph Lee
11 Recreation Center, and citywide support for a drop-in girls' soccer
12 league; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
14 of San Francisco commends Friends of Recreation and Parks for
15 preserving and improving City parkland through the Neighborhood Park
16 Grants Program; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
18 County of San Francisco commends Friends of Recreation and Parks for
19 fostering community involvement and commitment to local parks through
20 their Neighborhood Park Grants Program.

