

1 [Commending Supervisor Eric Mar]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Eric Mar for his distinguished**
4 **service as a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Eric Mar has served the people of the City and County of San
7 Francisco with dedication for eight years as a member of the San Francisco Board of
8 Supervisors; and

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar came to the Board as the past president of the San
10 Francisco Board of Education, where he served as a Commissioner from 2001 to 2009,
11 creating lasting impacts through policies such as the 2004 Public Education Enrichment Fund
12 and creation of the Parent Advisory Council to the San Francisco Unified School District
13 in 2003; and

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar brought his decades of experience as a public interest
15 attorney and community organizer to City Hall, and always focused on supporting grassroots
16 organizing and standing up for the “little guy”—from mom and pop stores to chain store
17 workers, from immigrant tenants to neighbors demanding healthy communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar always acts on his principles, seeks community input for
19 every action of his office, and tells it as he sees it—ready to take the heat for controversial
20 stances like criticizing the spending for Batkid and spearheading the Anti-Speculation Tax;
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22 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar served as Chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management
23 District, Vice-Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and on the
24 Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments, advocating to hold big polluters
25 accountable, reduce vehicle trips, and for sustainable planning; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2014 Supervisor Mar passed the first of its kind “Retail Workers’ Bill of
2 Rights” that created a national precedent by requiring fair scheduling, just hours, and job
3 security, and which has been followed by many others cities like Seattle and New York; and

4 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar in 2013 strengthened and modernized San Francisco’s
5 controls on chain stores to protect small businesses and keep commercial corridors
6 throughout the City diverse, vibrant and unique; and

7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar worked with many neighborhood groups to pass the
8 Healthy Retail San Francisco ordinance in 2013 that transforms mom and pop corner stores
9 by incentivizing the sale of healthy foods, and in District 1 he lead the efforts to establish the
10 Clement Street Farmer’s Market; and

11 WHEREAS, In a move that received national attention, Supervisor Mar in 2010
12 implemented the so-called “Happy Meals Ban” that increased nutritional standards in kids
13 meals and prevented giveaways in unhealthy meals; and

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar laid the groundwork in 2015 for the successful passing of
15 one of the first soda taxes in the nation in 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar led efforts over the years to pass strict legislation against
17 smoking, including first in the nation e-cigarette regulations and reducing in half SF's active
18 tobacco sale permits; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar over the past four years has successfully won millions of
20 dollars for critical senior and people-with-disabilities safety net services, including the Dignity
21 Fund in 2016 and funding for the Richmond District Senior Center to establish aging-in-place
22 services for the many seniors in District 1; and

23 WHEREAS, @multimodalMAR successfully advocated for many transportation
24 improvements for District 1 residents, including establishing the 5 Fulton Rapid bus line,
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1 improving the Geary Rapid line, as well as supporting the planning for the Geary Bus Rapid
2 Transit (BRT), and has advocated for transit equity and Vision Zero citywide; and

3 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mar responded to the eviction crisis in San Francisco by
4 authoring legislation in 2012 preventing the eviction of children during the school year and by
5 advocating for funds in 2014 to open the first tenant counselling and advocacy organization on
6 the west side of the City; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of their officers, employees and
8 residents of this City, recognizes Supervisor Eric Mar's vast contributions to improving this
9 City, and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be tendered to Supervisor Eric Mar to
11 express appreciation for his service, and so that he may immediately post a selfie with it on
12 social media.

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