

1 [Urging Temporary Protected Status for the Philippines]

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3 **Resolution urging the Secretary of State and the United States Department of**
4 **Homeland Security to grant Temporary Protected Status to the Philippines in order to**
5 **support the recovery effort in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan.**

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7 WHEREAS, The United States and the Philippines have maintained a close bilateral
8 relationship for over 60 years; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines,
10 affecting 16 million people, and killing over 6,000 individuals, and completely destroying
11 dozens of the Philippines' poorest towns and villages, leaving over 4.1 million homeless to
12 flee throughout the country in search for a safe haven and livelihood; and

13 WHEREAS, The Filipino community in United States is the largest outside the
14 Philippines, with 3.4 million in the continental United States, 1,474,707 in California, 463,458
15 throughout the Bay Area, and 42,499 in San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Numerous countries including the United States have issued coordinated
17 responses to aid the Philippines by providing disaster relief experts and military personnel to
18 distribute food, water, medicine, and shelter to those hit hardest by the storm, as well as more
19 than \$37 million in humanitarian aid; and

20 WHEREAS, There has been an unprecedented grassroots response from individuals,
21 schools, unions, community organizations, and businesses to provide immediate relief to
22 survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan through monetary and material donations and the sending
23 of health professionals and other volunteers to impacted communities; and

24 WHEREAS, The Philippine government estimates the recovery costs from the damage
25 caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan to be \$401,000,000,000; and

1 WHEREAS, Under Federal law, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may
2 designate a foreign country for Temporary Protected Status under the following
3 circumstances: (i) on- going armed conflict; (ii) temporary effects of an environmental disaster,
4 or (iii) other extraordinary and temporary conditions preventing the country's nationals living in
5 the United States from safely returning to their home country; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States has granted Temporary Protected Status to nationals
7 from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, and Syria,
8 whose homelands are suffering crises ranging from on-going armed conflicts to extraordinary
9 natural disasters; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 13, 2013, the Philippine government formally requested that
11 the United States government grant them Temporary Protected Status to temporarily stop the
12 deportation of Filipino nationals; and

13 WHEREAS, The devastated Philippine economy will be not be able to absorb deported
14 Filipino nationals from the United States while it is struggling to recover; and

15 WHEREAS, If granted Temporary Protected Status, Filipino nationals will be able to
16 continue to work and send aid to their family members and typhoon survivors as well as
17 support the rebuilding and recovery of devastated regions; and

18 WHEREAS, Granting Temporary Protected Status maintains and grows the mutual
19 trust and bond the Philippines and the United States have developed over decades; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 urges the DHS to grant Temporary Protected Status to the Philippines as the nation works to
23 restore itself from the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the approved resolution to the Secretary of State and the Department of Homeland Security.



City and County of San Francisco

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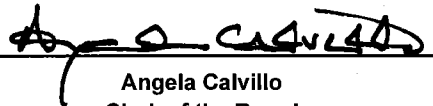
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February 11, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/11/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Mayor

2/14/14
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board