

1 [Use of Veterans Building.]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Posts of the American Legion (“SF Posts”), as**
4 **beneficiaries of the 1921 War Memorial Trust Agreement, to allow Veterans’ groups that**
5 **have been nationally chartered by Congress to have equal access to the SF Posts’**
6 **allotted space in the War Memorial Veterans Building.**

7 WHEREAS, On August 19, 1921, the Regents of the University of California and
8 certain named individuals representing the San Francisco Art Association, the Musical
9 Association of San Francisco and the San Francisco Posts of the American Legion entered
10 into a Trust Agreement to construct a War Memorial complex in the City and County of San
11 Francisco (“City”) to commemorate the United States’ victory in World War I; and

12 WHEREAS, On November 10, 1930, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted
13 a resolution accepting the joint offer of the Regents and the certain named individuals, as
14 Trustees of the privately subscribed funds of the San Francisco War Memorial, to transfer to
15 the City all of the property held in trust under the terms of the August 19, 1921 War Memorial
16 Trust Agreement; and,

17 WHEREAS, Under the San Francisco Charter, The War Memorial Board of Trustees is
18 the City Board charged with administering the Trust; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Trust names the San Francisco Art Association (now known as the
20 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art), the San Musical Association of San Francisco (now
21 known as the San Francisco Symphony) and the San Francisco Posts of the American Legion
22 as the beneficiaries of the Trust; and,

23 WHEREAS, Section C(1) of the Trust provides that the “San Francisco Posts of the
24 American Legion, or a majority of them, shall under such rules and conditions as they may
25 prescribe, provide headquarters for Veterans of the Mexican War, Grand Army of the

1 Republic, Spanish-American War Veterans, and such other patriotic organizations as said
2 San Francisco Posts of the American Legion may from time to time desire to install.”; and,

3 WHEREAS, Many Veterans who have provided an important service to the United
4 States are not members of the San Francisco Posts of the American Legion and do not have
5 the same level of access to the Veterans Building facilities as do members of the San
6 Francisco Posts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the San Francisco Posts of
8 the American Legion to allow Veterans’ groups that have been nationally chartered by
9 Congress to have equal access to the SF Posts’ allotted space in the War Memorial Veterans
10 Building.

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