

1 [Condemning the Military Coup in Burma and Supporting a Peaceful Transition for Democracy]

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3 **Resolution condemning the military coup in Burma and the detainment of its political**
4 **leaders; and urging United States federal officials to take swift action to support their**
5 **release and a peaceful transition to democracy.**

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7 WHEREAS, The people of Burma have a long history in fighting against repressive
8 military regimes since 1962 after its independence from British rule; and

9 WHEREAS, After decades of uprisings, in 2008, Burma was on the path of limited
10 democracy with reforms allowing the ratification of a constitution and the future formation of a
11 shared Parliamentary body; and

12 WHEREAS, In November 2015, the National League of Democracy (NLD) won a
13 general election by a landslide, while the military still retained significant seats in Parliament;
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15 WHEREAS, While there is hope for a full transition to a democratic government, there
16 is growing concern of human rights abuses and displacement of ethnic minorities, such as the
17 Rohingya people; and

18 WHEREAS, In November 2020, an election was held in which the National League of
19 Democracy (NLD) won with more than 80% of the votes claiming a majority of the
20 Parliamentary seats; and

21 WHEREAS, The military made claims of election fraud and actively challenged the
22 results leading to the civilian-appointed Union Election Commission of Burma to reject the
23 allegations and support the outcome of the elections, and

24 WHEREAS, Days after the Election Commission's decision, on February 1, 2020, the
25 military detained Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint, and other senior officials in an early

1 morning raid declaring a state of emergency and seizing control of the government while
2 disrupting civilian access to the internet; and

3 WHEREAS, This military takeover sets Burma back by decades and impedes the
4 possibility of national reconciliation and a peaceful transition of power; further exacerbating
5 human rights conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, The United Nations, United Kingdom, European Union, and United States
7 have publicly denounced the military takeover and called for the release of all political
8 prisoners; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay Area is home to thousands of immigrants and refugees
10 who fled Burma due to political repression, human rights abuses, and economic instability;
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12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors historically stands in solidarity with international
13 movements for peace and democracy; and

14 WHEREAS, The civilians of Burma are organizing a national strike and peaceful
15 uprising to reject the coup; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors stands firmly with the people of in their
17 pursuit for a fair, just, and sustainable Democratic sovereign government; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Biden-Harris
19 Administration and the United States Congress to use their powers through policies and
20 international relationships to leverage pressure on the military to release political prisoners
21 and to relinquish control; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges United States
23 Federal officials to also call on United States based companies, particularly social media
24 networks such as Facebook, to take decisive action to condemn the military coup and to
25 preventing the spread of misinformation and violence; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
2 to send this Resolution to U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, the Bay Area
3 Congressional Delegates, the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Office of the President
4 of the United States.

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