

1 [Granting the title of San Francisco Emissary to AIDS Orphans to Dear Diva.]

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3 **Resolution bestowing the title of San Francisco Emissary to AIDS Orphans to Dear**
4 **Diva and recognizing her past, present and future work on behalf of those orphaned by**
5 **AIDS worldwide.**

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7 WHEREAS, There are over 13 million AIDS orphans on the continent of Africa alone,
8 and estimates predict that there will be over 40 million worldwide by the close of this decade,
9 with thousands more being orphaned and made homeless daily; and,

10 WHEREAS, Those nations with the highest rate of AIDS orphans are unable to provide
11 adequate support for the orphans and their caregivers, highlighting the need for the
12 international community to offer assistance; and,

13 WHEREAS, Dear Diva has acted on behalf of the City of San Francisco as an
14 unofficial emissary and spokesperson for the Francis-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and
15 Human Rights in America, raising thousand of dollars during the previous two years and
16 proving to be a dedicated servant to the cause; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Francis-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights is a
18 United Nations sanctioned initiative to help AIDS Orphans worldwide and is an organization
19 that is determined to assist AIDS orphans and their caregivers; and,

20 WHEREAS, The tragedy of children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic is on the forefront
21 of local concern in the city of San Francisco, which has a long history of support to
22 communities ravaged by this disease while others have turned their backs; and,

23 WHEREAS, Dear Diva is a devoted spokeswoman and volunteer worker for the
24 cause of AIDS orphans worldwide, and she will proudly represent the great city of San
25 Francisco in her endeavors as the San Francisco Emissary to AIDS Orphans; and,

1 WHEREAS, Dear Diva has been an international literary figure for over a decade,
2 during which time her work has been published in Washington D.C., New York, St. Louis,
3 Miami, San Francisco, Chico, Saint Petersburg, Prague and Budapest; and,

4 WHEREAS, Dear Diva has used her performance talents to benefit the Democratic
5 Party, Transgender Pageant, and the National AIDS Update Convention; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Dear Diva for her work with
7 Francis-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights and her continued global efforts
8 to bring relief to the children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors bestows the honorary title of
10 San Francisco Emissary to AIDS Orphans upon Dear Diva, in order to highlight the
11 importance of her work in this field and assist in her efforts to further this cause.

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