

1 [Celebration of the Mexican Bicentennial and Centennial Celebrations]

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3 **Resolution celebrating the birth and independence of Mexico, honoring the relationship**  
4 **between San Francisco and Mexico, and appreciating the contributions that San**  
5 **Franciscans of Mexican descent make to the culture and prosperity of the city as well**  
6 **as struggles for justice and equality.**

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8 WHEREAS, 2010 marks a year of celebratory festivities commemorating the  
9 bicentennial of Mexico’s independence from Spain and the centennial of the Mexican  
10 Revolution; and

11 WHEREAS, In Mexico and throughout the world, Mexican communities are organizing  
12 special events to enjoy the unique history, rich culture and traditions, and artistic expressions  
13 of a people who have endured and overcome tremendous hardships; and,

14 WHEREAS, in celebrating its two hundredth anniversary, Mexico will remember the  
15 “Grito de Dolores,” the battle cry of the Mexican War of Independence uttered on September  
16 16, 1810 by Miguel Hidalgo; and,n

17 WHEREAS, vibrant popular movements across Mexico continue the revolutionary  
18 legacies of Ricardo, Enrique, and Jesús Flores Magón, Francisco "Pancho" Villa, Emiliano  
19 Zapata, and thousands of women soldiers know as "Adelitas;” and,

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to many organizations, including, among others,  
21 vibrant Labor Unions, Mujeres Unidas y Activas, La Raza Centro Legal, People Organized to  
22 Win Employment Rights, People Organized to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights,  
23 Causa Justa/Just Cause, Dolores Street Community Services, Mission Neighborhood Center,  
24 HOMIES, Arriba Juntos, and Coleman Advocates for Families and Youth, that are lead by  
25 staff and members of Mexican descent who also continue to fight for the ideals embodied by

1 the Mexican Revolution, including justice for workers, women, immigrants, youth, and poor  
2 folks; and,

3 WHEREAS, The State of California and the City of San Francisco share a strong  
4 historical and cultural bond with Mexico; and,

5 WHEREAS, Fourteen percent of the population of San Francisco is of Latino descent;  
6 and,

7 WHEREAS, Mexico continues to be California's main trading partner, generating more  
8 than \$54 billion dollars annually, and significantly contributing to the economic health and  
9 prosperity of our state; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of  
11 celebrating the birth and independence of our neighboring nation and of honoring Mexico's  
12 rich culture and history; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2010 Mexican National Commemorations offer a  
14 special opportunity to strengthen relationships between San Francisco and Mexico.

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