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as struggles for justice and equality.

Resolution celebrating the birth and independence of Mexico, honoring the relationship between San Francisco and Mexico, and appreciating the contributions that San Franciscans of Mexican descent make to the culture and prosperity of the city as well

[Celebration of the Mexican Bicentennial and Centennial Celebrations]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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