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May 25, 2022

Judson Steele
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education
San Francisco Unified School District, Board of Education
555 Franklin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 173-22

Dear Mr. Steele:

On April 26, 2022, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 173-22 (Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day - April 24, 2022), which was enacted on May 6, 2022.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

One copy of Resolution No. 173-22 (File No. 220435)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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c. Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Shamann Walton, Rafael Mandelman, Myrna Melgar, Connie Chan, Ahsha Safai, Catherine Stefani Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors Eddie McCaffrey, Mayor's Manager of State and Federal Legislative Affairs Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director Susanna Conine-Nakano, Mayor's Office

[Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day - April 24, 2022]

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WHEREAS, The Armenian people, living in their historic homeland for thousands of years, were subjected to severe persecution by the Turkish government of the Ottoman Empire before and after the turn of the twentieth century, including widespread massacres, usurpation of land and property, and destruction of cultural institutions and monuments during the period from 1894 to 1896 and again in 1909; and

WHEREAS, The unspeakable horrors experienced by the Armenian people at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government culminated in 1915 in what is known by historians as the first modern-era genocide; and

WHEREAS, The Ottoman Turkish authorities planned and implemented the genocide committed against the Armenian people from 1915 through 1923, resulting in the murder of 1.5 million Armenian women, men and children, and the expropriation or destruction of all their personal and community properties; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives adopted House Resolution No. 296 (Schiff) on October 29, 2019, which states it is U.S. policy to commemorate the Armenian Genocide and the US Senate passed Senate Resolution No. 150 (Menendez) on December 12, 2019, which formally recognizes and affirms the historical facts of the Armenian Genocide

on behalf of the U.S. government and calls for broader education on this heinous crime and its impact on generations of Armenians; and

WHEREAS, On April 24, 2021, President Joseph Biden became the first U.S. President to formally recognize the massacres of Armenians as Genocide; and

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April 26, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/26/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Unsigned 5/6/22 London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Mr. Paul Yoder
Ms. Karen Lange
Ms. Erica Smith
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1415 L Street, Suite 1000
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