

1 [Urging Support for the Burmese People in the Long Fight Against Oppression]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Burmese People, a return to a democratic and civilian run**
4 **government, and urging the Myanmar Military to cease violence against peaceful**
5 **protestors and release political prisoners detailed after the February 1, 2021, coup**
6 **d'état.**

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Days after the Election Commission's decision, on February 1, 2021, the
17 military detained Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint, and other senior officials in an early
18 morning raid declaring a state of emergency and seizing control of the government while
19 disrupting civilian access to the internet; and

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

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to one of the largest populations in the United
24 States of immigrants and refugees who fled Burma due to political repression, human rights
25 abuses, and economic instability; and

1 WHEREAS, The civilians of Burma are organizing a national strike and peaceful
2 uprising to reject the coup; and

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Myanmar
4 Military to cease violence against peaceful protestors and to release political prisoners
5 detained after the February 1, 2021, coup d'etat; and

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports a
7 return to a democratic and civilian run government for the Burmese people.

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