[Recognizing the Decommissioning and Deconsecration of the Site of the Congregation B’nai Emunah]

**Resolution recognizing the decommissioning and deconsecration of the current site of Congregation B’nai Emunah in order to form and relocate the new Congregation Am Tikvah.**

WHEREAS, 3595 Taraval has been the home of Congregation B'nai Emunah since 1976 and has served as a cherished synagogue and community center for generations of congregants; and

WHEREAS, Congregation B’nai Emunah began holding services on December 16, 1949, at the Golden Gate Commandery Hall on Sutter Street with 23 Jewish Holocaust refugees who had come to San Francisco from Shanghai, China, including founding Rabbi George Kantorowski; and

WHEREAS, The synagogue moved around for several years, holding High Holy Day services in the Druid Temple, and the Scottish Rite Auditorium before finding a permanent home in 1975 on Taraval Street, two blocks from Ocean Beach; and

WHEREAS, 3595 Taraval has been a place of worship, celebration, learning, mourning, and community building for its congregants; and

WHEREAS, The merger between Congregation B'nai Emunah and Congregation Beth Israel Judea to form the new Congregation Am Tikvah requires the decommissioning of the Taraval site; and

WHEREAS, The decommissioning of 3595 Taraval marks the end of an era for Congregation B'nai Emunah and its congregants; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the decommissioning of 3595 Taraval, the beloved home of Congregation B'nai Emunah, and recognizes the

important role that this site has played in the lives of generations of congregants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (“Board”) hereby extends our gratitude to the leadership, members, and volunteers of Congregation B'nai Emunah for creating and maintaining such a special and meaningful space for worship, community, and celebration, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board also acknowledge the grief and sadness that may come with the decommissioning of this site, and we offer our support and solidarity to all those affected, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors looks forward to the future of Congregation Am Tikvah and the continued growth and vitality of the Jewish community in the San Francisco Bay Area.