

1 **[Welcoming Daw Aung San Suu Kyi]**

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3 **Resolution welcoming Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the City and County of San Francisco**
4 **and Honoring Our Commitment to Ongoing Human Rights Struggle in Burma**

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6 WHEREAS, Burma has been ruled by a military dictatorship since a coup d'état ended
7 democratic governance in 1962. After holding free elections in 1990, the government annulled
8 those elections when it decisively lost; and

9 WHEREAS, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's democratic leader, was placed under
10 house arrest after the elections along with hundreds of others who were imprisoned ; and

11 WHEREAS, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is a 1991 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and is a
12 Global Icon of nonviolent struggle for democracy and freedom throughout the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1996, the City and County of San Francisco has passed multiple
14 resolutions in support of Burma's democracy movement including declaring August 8th as Annual
15 BURMA DAY, June 19th as Daw Aung San Suu Kyi Day and May 27th as Burma Democracy
16 Day; and

17 WHEREAS, The international community has recognized the reform agendas and
18 positive steps taken by Burma's new government led by President Thein Sein and U.S. has
19 recently eased sanctions in support of the reforms in Burma; and

20 WHEREAS, The National League for Democracy (NLD) party led by Daw Aung San
21 Suu Kyi won a landslide victory in the Burma's mid-term by-election held on April 1st 2012;
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23 WHEREAS, In her victory speech on April 2nd, 2012, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
24 mentioned the "beginning of a new era" after being elected to the parliament, and she is now
25 working with all reformists to implement the reforms in Burma; and

1 WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress is awarding Daw Aung San Suu Kyi a Congressional
2 Gold Medal on September 19th 2012 in a ceremony at the U.S. Congress; and

3 WHEREAS, the Burmese Community and its supporters are working with the State
4 department and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's liaison to plan a public meeting in the San
5 Francisco on September 29th 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is the birthplace of the United Nations; and

7 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to speak out and aid the nonviolent struggle against
8 injustice throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco welcomes Daw Aung San Suu
10 Kyi's visit to the city of San Francisco; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco sponsors the
12 Burmese Community Meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on September 29th 2012 and
13 provide support; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco formally urges the
15 Burma's president Thein Sein's reform platform as well as urges the release of all the political
16 prisoners in Burma.

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