

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

2 **Resolution welcoming Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the City of San Francisco and**
3 **Honoring Our Commitment to the Ongoing Human Rights Struggle in Burma.**
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5 WHEREAS, Burma has been ruled by a military dictatorship since a coup d'état ended
6 democratic governance in 1962. After holding free elections in 1990, the government annulled
7 those elections when it decisively lost; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, The international community has recognized the reform agendas and
17 positive steps taken by Burma's new government led by President Thein Sein and the United
18 States has recently eased sanctions and supports the reforms in Burma; and

19 WHEREAS, The National League for Democracy (NLD) party led by Daw Aung San
20 Suu Kyi won a landslide victory in Burma's mid-term election held on April 1st 2012; and

21 WHEREAS, In her victory speech on April 2nd, 2012, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
22 mentioned the "beginning of a new era" after being elected to the parliament, and she is now
23 working with all reformists to implement the reforms in Burma; and
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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 San Francisco on
5 September 29th 2012; and now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco welcomes Daw Aung San Suu
7 Kyi's visit to the city of San Francisco.

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