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[WASHINGTON SQUARE]

CELEBRATING LANDMARK STATUS AND  $150^{\text{TH}}$  ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON SQUARE.

WHEREAS, Washington Square, located between Union, Filbert, Stockton, and Powell Streets, is one of San Francisco's oldest and most beloved parks; and,

WHEREAS, Washington Square has been designated a landmark by the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, In pre-Gold Rush California, the site was part of a natural swale, draining water from the surrounding hills into streams which ran north to the Bay; and,

WHEREAS, In 1847, when Jasper O'Farrell was commissioned to lay out the city's streets, he identified three blocks as public squares, one of which later became known as Washington Square; and,

WHEREAS, In 1850 the park was deeded to the Town of San Francisco by the town's Chief Magistrate, John W. Geary; and,

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the park was used as shelter for 600 individuals who had been displaced by the earthquake; and,

WHEREAS, For over a century, the park has been used as a community gathering and celebration area; and,

WHEREAS, Washington Square often serves as a gathering spot where many different ethnic groups come together for a common celebration; and,

WHEREAS, On Saturday, May 13, 2000, the community will gather to celebrate the landmark status and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington Square Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby join the community in celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington Square.



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## Resolution

File Number:	000824	Date Passed:
Resolution celebra	ating landmark status and	d 150th anniversary of Washington Square.
May 8, 200	O Board of Supervisors - Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, E Absent: 3 - Leno, New	Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee
	File No. 000824	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
		Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board
E CONTRACTOR DE	MAY 1 9 2000  Date Approved	Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.