

1 [Comfort Women Day - September 22, 2017]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 22, 2017, as Comfort Women Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The term "comfort women" euphemistically refers to hundreds of
7 thousands of women and young girls who were forced into sexual slavery by the Imperial
8 Japanese Army during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands
9 from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, This system of sexual servitude was the largest organized system in the
11 twentieth century; and

12 WHEREAS, Most of these women died but those who survived courageously broke
13 their silence, therefore aiding the movement against sexual violence during war; and

14 WHEREAS, The International Community has declared sexual violence as a strategy
15 of war a crime against humanity; and

16 WHEREAS, This system of sexual slavery helped pave the way for systems of sex
17 trafficking; and

18 WHEREAS, Sex trafficking and sexual slavery during wartime is still going on; and

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 342-15 calling
20 for the building of a memorial to the comfort women in San Francisco and to educate its
21 students about the history, past and present; and

22 WHEREAS, The Comfort Women Justice Coalition, a broad coalition of immigrant
23 communities women's organizations, and 11 human rights groups organized to build the
24 memorial for "comfort women;" and

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1 WHEREAS, On September 22, 2017, the statue “Comfort Women: Pillar of Strength”
2 will be unveiled in St. Mary’s Square Annex; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That September 22, 2017, be declared a day to honor and remember the
4 Comfort Women.

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