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[Commending LaborFest on its 25th Anniversary]

Resolution commending LaborFest on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, and its ongoing efforts to shed light on the ongoing plight of working people through arts and other cultural events.

WHEREAS, San Francisco and the broader Bay Area have long been the site of historic events in the Labor Movement, where policymakers and community members have supported the Labor Movement as well as associated arts and cultural events, and have variously committed through policies and practices to continue to support organized labor and the plight of all working people; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco LaborFest commemorates a foundational moment in the history of union and labor rights - the 1934 West Coast Maritime Strike - and, more generally, the broader Labor Movement and the plight of all working people; and

WHEREAS, The 1934 West Coast Maritime Strike grew out of miserable hiring practices and poor working conditions which caused 127,000 workers representing 160 unions to walk off their jobs in protest in a landmark general strike that all but shut down San Francisco for three days; and

WHEREAS, After two workers were shot and killed outside the union headquarters of the International Longshoremen's Association an event now commemorated as "Bloody Thursday" the longshoremen won most of their demands through arbitration, and the tragic loss of life spurned national legislation in 1935 that established collective bargaining and established the National Labor Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, LaborFest commemorates this critical history of the Labor Movement and the resulting Work Progress Administration (WPA) monuments and labor-themed murals, films, and history walks detailing the lives and the dignity of working people; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Labor Movement and the ongoing demands of working people are as relevant as ever in the wake of the United States Supreme Court's recent decision in *Janus vs. ADSCME*, et al., Case No. 16-1466 (2018), which dealt a disastrous blow to public sector unions; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court's decision in *Janus* undermines the fundamental tenets of the Labor Movement, chiefly the idea that an injury to one is an injury to all, and the consequent need for solidarity among working people to advance the dignity of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, LaborFest is an internationally-recognized event, with festivals in Asia, Istanbul, Ankara, Osaka, and South America, with endorsements and support from an array of local Bay Area unions, organizations, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco LaborFest also stands for the rights of immigrants and the reality that this country has always been a nation of immigrants, immigrant workers, and immigrant families, who are nevertheless facing ruthless discrimination and attacks emanating from the current executive branch of the United States federal government; and

WHEREAS, LaborFest aims to create a large tent for all to come together and celebrate the intersectionality of the struggles and aspirations of all working people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes this critical inflection point in the history of the Labor Movement and hereby honors LaborFest on the occasion of its 25th anniversary for continuing to shed light on the underlying history and ongoing plight of working people here and abroad.

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