

1 [Supporting Federal Legislation]

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3 **Resolution affirming San Francisco's support for upholding the Endangered Species**
4 **Act so it may continue to protect our plants and animals and the special places they**
5 **live, from the finality of extinction, and urging federal and state elected representatives**
6 **to do the same.**
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8 WHEREAS, The people of San Francisco, California recognize that a healthy
9 environment is an integral part of San Francisco's economy, society and culture; and,

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay are home to approximately 32
11 threatened and endangered species, including the humpback whale, the Stellar sea lion, the
12 bald eagle, the California brown pelican, the leatherback sea turtle, California red-legged frog,
13 coho and chinook salmon, coastal steelhead, the mission blue butterfly and the San Francisco
14 lessingia; and,

15 WHEREAS, The United States has a long and proud tradition of respect for the Earth's
16 wildlife and natural resources; and,

17 WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to our children and future generations to be good
18 stewards of our environment and to leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species
19 and the special places they call home; and,

20 WHEREAS, The strength and vitality of the human environment is inextricably linked
21 with the health of all species and the places they live; and,

22 WHEREAS, Species extinction and habitat destruction are a serious threat to our own
23 welfare, as nature is the source for most of our commonly-prescribed medicines and the loss
24 of species could mean the loss of life-saving drugs; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Tourism, wildlife watching, bird watching, wildflower watching, hunting and
2 fishing provide many economic benefits to the San Francisco and the Bay Area; and,

3 WHEREAS, Commercial and recreational fishing for salmon and steelhead provide
4 economic benefits to many citizens of San Francisco; and,

5 WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to use the best available science to ensure we
6 protect this legacy for future generations; and,

7 WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the Endangered Species Act has served as the nation's
8 safety net for wildlife, saving hundreds of plants and animals from extinction, putting hundreds
9 more on the path to recovery, and safeguarding the habitats on which they all depend; and,

10 WHEREAS, Several proposals to weaken protections for endangered species and
11 natural habitats are currently pending before the United States Congress; now, therefore, be
12 it,

13 RESOLVED, That it shall be the policy of the City of San Francisco to support
14 upholding the Endangered Species Act so it may continue to protect our plants and animals
15 and the special places they live, from the finality of extinction; and be it,

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to President
17 George W. Bush, the Secretary of the Interior, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara
18 Boxer, Representative Nancy Pelosi, Representative Tom Lantos, Governor Arnold
19 Schwarzenegger, State Senator Carole Migden, and State Assemblymember Mark Leno, after
20 it is adopted.