

1 [Recognizing the importance of the African Diaspora in Latin America and North and South  
2 America.]

3 **Resolution recognizing the importance of the African Diaspora in Latin America as well**  
4 **as North and South America.**

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6 WHEREAS, The long and complex history of Africans and their descendants in Latin  
7 America is poorly understood in North America and even in Latin America itself; and

8 WHEREAS, Between 12 and 15 million enslaved Africans were brought to the Western  
9 Hemisphere and along with native people of the Americas, built the colonies and modern  
10 nations of the Western Hemisphere; and,

11 WHEREAS, These Africans brought with them to the Americas their knowledge of  
12 farming and crafts, as well as their religious and artistic practices;

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14 WHEREAS, The descendants of these enslaved people continue to live throughout the  
15 Americas to this day, contributing culturally, socially, and economically to countries throughout  
16 the Western Hemisphere; now, therefore, be it

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18 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
19 hereby recognizes the important contributions of the African diaspora in Latin America as well  
20 as North and South America.

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