

1 [Commending the Red Cross, Bay Area Chapter]

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3 **Resolution commending the Red Cross, Bay Area Chapter for their efforts in the Cosco**
4 **Busan oil spill clean-up.**

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6 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers
7 and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International
8 Red Cross Movement, provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent,
9 prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Bay Area responds to over 600 disasters per
11 year which may impact one, hundreds, or even thousands of people in our six-county area;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, Since the Great Earthquake of 1906, when it housed 35,000 homeless
14 people, fed 200,000 persons at the peak of the emergency, and helped to restore the City,
15 residents of the Bay Area have come to rely upon the Red Cross for help in recovering from
16 disasters; and,

17 WHEREAS, In partnership with local government and other key disaster responders,
18 The Red Cross stands ready to mobilize and deploy spontaneous volunteers in the event of a
19 disaster; and,

20 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2007, the Cosco Busan container ship crashed into the
21 base of a tower of the Bay Bridge's western span and spilled 58,000 gallons of fuel into the
22 San Francisco Bay; and,

23 WHEREAS, Hundreds of volunteers were called upon for their service and dedication
24 to restore San Francisco's beaches damaged by the spill; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Red Cross played an integral role supporting volunteer trainings and
2 volunteer clean-up efforts after the oil spill; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 commends The Red Cross, Bay Area Chapter, for their support in the clean-up of San
5 Francisco's coastal areas after the Cosco Busan oil spill.

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