

1 [Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz Island]

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3 **Resolution Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz Island**
4 **November 20, 1969 to June 11, 1971.**

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6 WHEREAS, The occupation of Alcatraz Island which began on November 20th, 1969
7 and lasted until June 11th, 1971 marked an important event in the history of San Francisco, as
8 well as in the struggle of Indigenous Peoples of California and the United States for respect,
9 justice, human rights and survival; and

10 WHEREAS, The occupation generated local, state, national and international attention
11 for the ongoing injustices carried out against Indigenous peoples, including violations of land
12 rights, treaties, cultural rights and sacred sites; and,

13 WHEREAS, The occupation was initiated and lead primarily by “Indians of all Tribes”,
14 made up of California Indian and other Native American students from California Universities
15 and colleges, including Richard Oakes and others from San Francisco State University; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 believes it is important to honor the participants of the Occupation and to remember their
18 sacrifices as well as their historic contributions to work for the rights of Indigenous Peoples
19 locally, nationally and internationally; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 recognizes and commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz Island and
22 takes this opportunity to recall with respect this important event in the history of our city and
23 the Indigenous Peoples of this country.

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