

1 [Urging the United States Treasury to Expedite the Process to Feature Harriet Tubman on the
2 Twenty-Dollar Bill]

3 **Resolution urging the United States Treasury to expedite the process to feature Harriet**
4 **Tubman on the twenty-dollar bill for her legacy of equality, social justice, and freedom;**
5 **and to reflect the history and diversity of the United States.**

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7 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman is recognized as a symbol of freedom and as a
8 revolutionary historical figure for her brave act of freeing people from their enslavement; and

9 WHEREAS, Born as a slave herself in 1822, Harriet Tubman escaped in 1849 from the
10 Maryland plantation to Philadelphia and then she came back to free her family as well; and

11 WHEREAS, After the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act allowed slave owners to capture
12 escaped slaves in other states, Harriet Tubman, with the help of other abolitionists, organized
13 escaped slaves to flee to Canada in what was called the Underground Railroad; and

14 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman served in the American Civil War for the Union as the first
15 woman to lead an armed expedition in war by serving roles where she was needed as a
16 nurse, cook, scout, and even spy; and

17 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman led the Raid on Combahee Ferry where she helped free
18 more than 700 enslaved people during the American Civil War; and

19 WHEREAS, Including the Combahee Ferry Raid, Harriet Tubman has freed over 800
20 enslaved people through her work with the army and Underground Railroad; and

21 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman's repeated acts of bravery to stand up against racism and
22 injustice has inspired many civil rights leaders, activists, politicians and persons of every
23 background; and

24 WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman represents what America is supposed to be and fought for
25 our most important value of freedom; and

1 WHEREAS, In April 2016, the Obama Administration and United States Treasury
2 Secretary Jacob Lew announced that Harriet Tubman's portrait would be on a redesigned \$20
3 bill to be unveiled in 2020 and the current image of President Andrew Jackson, a slaveholder,
4 would be moved to the bill's reverse side; and

5 WHEREAS, The update would have made Harriet Tubman the first woman since
6 Martha Washington to appear on an American currency note and the first African American;
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8 WHEREAS, In May 2019, United States Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin of the
9 Trump Administration announced the postponement of Harriet Tubman \$20 bill until 2026 or
10 2028; and

11 WHEREAS, In June 2019, the United States Treasury launched an investigation
12 specifically asking for a review of the involvement of other participants in the interagency
13 process related to the redesign — including the Secret Service, Federal Reserve, and the
14 White House — to ensure that political considerations have not been allowed to infect the
15 process for designing American currency; and

16 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2021, the Biden Administration announced efforts to
17 speed up honoring Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill to reflect the history and diversity of this
18 country; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That Harriet Tubman, a woman who was born a slave who freed herself
20 and hundreds of others from the shackles of slavery deserves to be honored on the \$20 bill
21 for her legacy of equality, social justice, and freedom; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports
23 honoring Harriet Tubman on the United States twenty-dollar bill; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
2 Biden Administration in expediting this process that was initially announced during the Obama
3 Administration in 2016; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United
5 States Treasury to expedite the process of honoring and featuring Harriet Tubman on the
6 United States twenty-dollar bill; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
8 the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the United States Secretary of
9 the Treasury, the Speaker of the House, and the United States President.

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