Resolution endorsing the application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society for CCHE Grant Funds to assist in the seismic retrofit of the historic Old Mint as a central part of the effort to rehabilitate and restore the historic building and create therein a San Francisco History Museum and supporting continued site control by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society of the Old Mint for such purposes.

WHEREAS, The Old Mint, located at 88 5th Street in San Francisco, dedicated in 1874, is one of the last major Greek Revival buildings in the country associated with federal architecture, San Francisco's oldest stone structure, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is the owner of the Old Mint, pursuant to the transfer of the title from the federal government and the execution of a Programmatic Agreement under which conditions for the use of the building are carefully set forth, chief among them being the necessity of providing substantial public access to the Old Mint and rehabilitation of the building according to the Historic Preservation Standards of the Secretary of the Interior as interpreted by the State Historic Preservation Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Following a competitive process conducted by the Mayor's Old Mint Task Force which included substantial public input and professional expert advice, the Task Force recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the proposal by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society (the "Society") to transform the Old Mint into a City History Museum be accepted, and that the City enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with the Society for a 66-year lease for the property; and,
WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors endorsed the ENA process with the Society, which entails the negotiating of lease terms and a development agreement which, among other conditions, guarantees ongoing project maintenance, viable financing, public access, compliance with the Secretary's Standards as determined by the State Historic Preservation Officer and meeting all appropriate environmental regulations; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 375-03, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors designated the Society as the organization to develop the official San Francisco History Museum to tell the rich and diverse stories of all San Franciscans; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society Advisory Committee (Sec. 2A. 166, San Francisco Administrative Code) has been established by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to publicly discuss and make recommendations to the City on a variety of issues regarding the establishment of a great San Francisco City History Museum, including, among other issues, "strategies to promote citywide communication and partnership between various local organizations that hold historical/cultural resources"; and,

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee was appointed pursuant to City policy that the members of all boards, commissions and committees be broadly representative of the diversity in ethnicity, race, age and sexual orientation of the City and County and have representation of both sexes; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the various committees and officials of the City and County of San Francisco who are charged with responsibilities regarding the Old Mint History Museum project, and on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco, has viewed approvingly the progress made by the Society to bring to this ambitious project the funding it requires, from various public and private sources; and,
WHEREAS, The Society has indicated that to date, the Society has raised or secured some $25 million for the Old Mint project, and has so far expended nearly $2 million for planning and design; and,

WHEREAS, It is clear that substantial funding will be required for the seismic retrofit and preservation and adaptive re-use of this historic un-reinforced masonry building; and,

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 which provides funds to the State of California for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, The CCHE has determined that, of the $122 million in Proposition 40 funds available for the CCHE competitive grant program, $35 million was obligated for funding of the 1st cycle of the first round; of which $2.887 million was awarded to the Society, pursuant to an application supported by this Board (Resolution No. 551-04), to assist in the design process for the Old Mint project; and,

WHEREAS, The Society indicates that it intends to apply for a $3 million grant out of the $43 million available in the second round of CCHE funding, which, together with matching funds, will substantially finance the necessary seismic retrofit; and,

WHEREAS, During the planning and analysis portions of the Old Mint project, the Society has enjoyed control of the Old Mint site, under which it has conducted symposia and other functions, and has made the building available to community and cultural groups for similar purposes; and,

WHEREAS, The Old Mint project clearly falls within the purview of CCHE’s charge to provide grants for the restoration, preservation and interpretation of California’s historical and cultural resources; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby endorses the application by the
San Francisco Museum and Historical Society to the California Cultural and Historical
Endowment for a grant in the amount of $3 million in its second round to assist in the seismic
retrofit of the historic Old Mint as a central part of the effort to rehabilitate and restore the
historic building to house a San Francisco City History Museum; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports continued site control
by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society of the Old Mint for purposes of seismic
retrofitting; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the California Cultural and Historical Endowment is
respectfully urged to give this application its most serious consideration.
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January 24, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Duffy, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 24, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom