

1 [Designating Japantown as a Preserve America Neighborhood]

2 **Resolution supporting the application for the designation of San Francisco's**
3 **Japantown as a Preserve America Neighborhood**
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6 WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation
7 with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and
8 the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

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10 WHEREAS, The goals of the *Preserve America* initiative include a greater shared
11 knowledge about our nation's past, strengthened regional identities, and local pride,
12 increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural
13 heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and,

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Japantown, which is celebrating its centennial this year,
15 is the oldest in the United States, and one of only three remaining in the United States; and,

16 WHEREAS, Japantown is a city within a city with an identifiable main street on Post
17 Street; major public gathering places, such as Peace Plaza; a commercial core found at the
18 Japantown Center; areas with a high concentration of community cultural facilities, such as
19 Sutter Street and the Buchanan Mall; entertainment and cinematic venues; and quiet
20 residential districts; and,

21 WHEREAS, The sale this year of two thirds of the major properties in Japantown
22 served as a reminder of the fragility of San Francisco's communities in the face of our City's
23 escalating property values; and,

24 WHEREAS, Designating Japantown as a *Preserve America* Neighborhood will improve
25 the neighborhood's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 supports the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California application for
3 the designation of San Francisco's Japantown as a *Preserve America* Neighborhood, and, be
4 it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Advisory Council on
6 Historic Preservation to grant the designation; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That on the occasion of Japantown's centennial, the Board of
8 Supervisors celebrates Japantown's contributions to the cultural heritage of San Francisco
9 and will remain vigilant in preserving Japantown's unique character for future generations.

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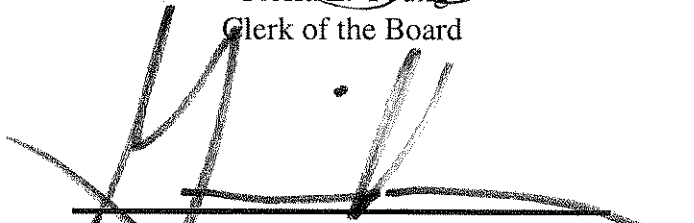
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 16, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

5/19/06
Date Approved


Mayor Gavin Newsom