

1 [City Typhoon Relief Fund]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Department of Human Resources to explore**
4 **establishing a method by which City employees can donate to a Typhoon Relief Fund**
5 **for the Philippines.**

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7 WHEREAS, On November 8, 2013, Typhoon Yolanda, also known as Haiyan, struck
8 the Republic of the Philippines and has caused such devastation in the central Philippines that
9 President Benigno Aquino III declared a state of national calamity; and,

10 WHEREAS, The typhoon caused widespread flooding and landslides with storm surges
11 of up to 13 feet and winds of more than 175 miles per hour, hitting the provinces of Leyte and
12 East Samar the hardest, and as of November 19, 2013, 3,982 individuals have been reported
13 dead, over 18,000 injured, 1,602 missing, and over half a million homes have been damaged,
14 displacing four million people; and,

15 WHEREAS, The U.N. Humanitarian Action Plan for the Typhoon Yolanda Response in
16 the Philippines has requested \$301 million, and United States government has given over \$37
17 million in humanitarian funding through various USAID offices and the Department of
18 Defense; and,

19 WHEREAS, As a result of Typhoon Yolanda, the County of Alameda has reactivated a
20 12-year-old system that allows county employees and community members to donate money
21 toward disaster relief; Alameda County's Disaster Relief Fund was first launched after the
22 terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and was also used to raise money following the South
23 Asian Tsunami of 2004, Katrina and other natural disasters; Alameda County's 9,000
24 employees can donate cash, or up to five days of accrued vacation time; and,

1 WHEREAS, In January 2010, Mayor Newsom initiated City efforts to raise money for
2 Haiti after a devastating earthquake; these efforts included placing coin counting machines in
3 city buildings, a new citywide payroll deduction program, and the use of 311 as a resource for
4 Haiti donation referral; the citywide payroll deduction program enabled City employees to
5 donate money to the San Francisco Haiti Relief Fund directly from their paychecks;

6 WHEREAS, San Franciscans deeply sympathize with the horrible devastation caused by
7 Typhoon Yolanda, and have demonstrated our generosity in the wake of past disasters; now
8 therefore, let it be

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is deeply saddened by the
10 destruction and loss of life caused by Typhoon Yolanda and stands ready to work alongside
11 the Bay Area Filipino community to assist the Philippines in providing relief to the residents;
12 and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of San Francisco should be committed to aiding
14 the relief efforts in the Philippines, much like it did after the Haiti earthquake in 2010; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and
16 Department of Human Resources to explore the possibility of creating a method for City
17 employees to easily donate to a Relief Fund, whether through pre-tax payroll deductions, cash
18 payments, donating earned vacation time, or other methods.

