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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, As a result of Typhoon Yolanda, the County of Alameda has reactivated a 12-year-old system that allows county employees and community members to donate money toward disaster relief; Alameda County's Disaster Relief Fund was first launched after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and was also used to raise money following the South Asian Tsunami of 2004, Katrina and other natural disasters; Alameda County's 9,000 employees can donate cash, or up to five days of accrued vacation time; and,
WHEREAS, In January 2010, Mayor Newsom initiated City efforts to raise money for Haiti after a devastating earthquake; these efforts included placing coin counting machines in city buildings, a new citywide payroll deduction program, and the use of 311 as a resource for Haiti donation referral; the citywide payroll deduction program enabled City employees to donate money to the San Francisco Haiti Relief Fund directly from their paychecks; WHEREAS, San Franciscans deeply sympathize with the horrible devastation caused by Typhoon Yolanda, and have demonstrated our generosity in the wake of past disasters; now therefore, let it be
RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is deeply saddened by the destruction and loss of life caused by Typhoon Yolanda and stands ready to work alongside the Bay Area Filipino community to assist the Philippines in providing relief to the residents; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of San Francisco should be committed to aiding the relief efforts in the Philippines, much like it did after the Haiti earthquake in 2010; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and Department of Human Resources to explore the possibility of creating a method for City employees to easily donate to a Relief Fund, whether through pre-tax payroll deductions, cash payments, donating earned vacation time, or other methods.
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November 26, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/26/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board