[Commending Kearny Street Workshop on its 45th Anniversary]

Resolution commending Kearny Street Workshop on its 45th anniversary, and proclaiming April 19, 2018, “Kearny Street Workshop Day” in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Jim Dong, Lora Foo, and Michael Chin, children of working-class and immigrant backgrounds, started a multi-disciplinary arts organization, Kearny Street Workshop (KSW), that grew out of the Asian-American movement in 1972; and

WHEREAS, The International Hotel, which became the last building on the last block of Manilatown, served as the homebase for KSW’s workshops and poetry readings, as well as KSW’s Jackson Street Gallery; and

WHEREAS, KSW fostered the development of a unique expression of Asian-American consciousness through art forms like silkscreen posters, photography, poetry, jazz, mural painting and more, which were all connected to community rituals; and

WHEREAS, KSW continues to support Asian-American artists from their first public performance, exhibition, or storytelling workshop onward to directing a Disney television series, publishing an award-winning memoir in graphic novel form, and even hosting their own Netflix special; and

WHEREAS, KSW is a key member of the SOMA Pilipinas Cultural District’s art and culture committee, celebrating and contributing to Filipino-American artists and organizers; and creating a cross-sector cultural fabric within the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, We are in a political, social, and cultural moment where local communities are being threatened by gentrification and displacement, and it is more critical than ever to

Supervisor Peskin
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engage, resist, and support artistic and creative voices that express diverse life experiences and perspectives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Kearny Street Workshop on the occasion of their 45th anniversary and proclaims April 19, 2018 "Kearny Street Workshop Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.
Resolution

File Number: 180376          Date Passed: April 17, 2018

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April 17, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee
Excused: 1 - Peskin

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/17/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Mark E. Farrell
Mayor

4/27/18
Date Approved

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.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4/27/18
Date