Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 693, The Never Again Education Act, authored by Senator Henry Stern, that would establish the Governor’s Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education to establish best practices for, and promote implementation of, education on genocide, including the Holocaust, and submit an annual report to the Legislature.

WHEREAS, The Anti-Defamation League’s most recent Audit of Antisemitic Incidents in the United States counted a total of 2,107 antisemitic incidents across the nation, the highest level since tracking began in 1979; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Millennial Holocaust Awareness Survey, the first 50-state survey of Holocaust knowledge among Millennials and members of Generation Z, adults aged between 18 and 39, nearly half (48 percent) could not name a single concentration camp or ghetto established during World War II; almost a quarter (23 percent) said they believed the Holocaust was a myth or had been exaggerated, or that they weren’t sure; and 63 percent did not know that six million Jews were murdered during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigations reported that in 2019, anti-Jewish incidents led among religiously-motivated hate crimes in California; and

WHEREAS, Existing law requires the California Department of Education to incorporate age-appropriate materials related to genocide and the Holocaust into publications that provide examples of curriculum resources for teacher use, consistent with the subject frameworks on history and social science; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 693 would establish the Governor’s Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education to establish best practices for, and promote
implementation of, education on genocide, including the Holocaust, and submit an annual
report to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Bill would strongly encourage school districts and charter schools with
students in grades four through 12 to integrate the best practices that meet existing academic
content standards and the history-social science curriculum framework for these students into
instruction on genocide, including the Holocaust, in addition to requiring that the California
Department of Education conduct a study on the manner in which the instruction is offered to
assess its impact; and

WHEREAS, The Bill also recommends instruction on the Armenian genocide, the
Rwandan genocide, and other genocides committed across the world, and recommends the
study of other crimes against humanity, such as the internment of Japanese Americans and
Japanese immigrants during World War II; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Senate Bill No.
693, The Never Again Education Act, which would establish the Governor's Council on
Genocide and Holocaust Education to establish best practices for, and promote
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the author of the Bill, and all members of the
Legislature representing the City and County of San Francisco.
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May 11, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/11/2021 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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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