Resolution declaring the City and County of San Francisco’s support for the restoration of the Aquatic Park Pier; and urging the Federal Government to prioritize that National Park Service project for funding through the Great Outdoors Act of 2020 or through some other means.

WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park has significant historic, cultural, and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier construction project was begun as a Works Progress Administration project in 1936, and the Pier and the adjacent museum designed by William Mooser, Jr. represent historically significant examples of WPA architecture and the Streamlined Moderne Style; and

WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier protects Black Point Cove and is immediately adjacent to and provides viewing access to Black Point, which is the last completely unaltered physical landmark in San Francisco, and contains substantial archeological record of the pre-colonial indigenous history; and

WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is used by thousands of visitors annually, and remains the most accessible and safest open water recreational site in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier was built to create a protected cove where City residents could swim and recreate; the pier is now a threatened landmark in need of major repair; and

WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier is owned by the National Park Service and currently has about $100 million in deferred maintenance; and
WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Pier currently remains open for fishing and strolling, but decades of winter storms and pounding waves have jeopardized the structural integrity of the 1400-foot cement walkway, and it will be forced to close without direct intervention; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to an incredible partnership with Senator Dianne Feinstein, the National Park Service, and many members of our local community, the Federal government has recently taken a renewed interest in saving Aquatic Park Pier for future generations, and

WHEREAS, The City and Count of San Francisco stands ready to work with the National Park Service in whatever way necessary, and has appropriated $150,000 to seed fund a vision study for the project, and the members of the local community have generously contributed tens of thousands more to further that study, and

WHEREAS, The large-scale construction project to preserve the Aquatic Park Pier would create hundreds of jobs at a time when our economy most needs this kind of support, and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate passed the Great American Outdoors Act in June of 2020, which, if enacted into law, will create a fund into which not less than 50% of all revenues made from energy production on public lands to funding projects in America's National Parks, and

WHEREAS, Initial estimates indicate that the Great American Outdoors Act could generate up to $900 million for National Park restoration and conservation every year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States House of Representatives to pass the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors believes that the Aquatic Park Pier at the San Francisco Maritime national Historical Park has substantial historic, cultural and recreational value; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the National Park Service to prioritize the Aquatic Park Pier project for funding from the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020 or through some other means, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of our Congressional delegation and to our City Lobbyist.
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July 07, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200714

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/7/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

07/17/2020

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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