Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Malia Cohen for her distinguished service as a Member and President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, President Malia Cohen has served the people of the City and County of San Francisco with dedication for eight years as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and as the President of the Board since June 2018; and

WHEREAS, She championed the strongest restrictions on flavored tobacco in the nation, upholding a ban on menthols, flavored vapor products, and flavored cigars in San Francisco, which was corroborated by the Federal Drug Administration Ban in November 2018; and

WHEREAS, President Cohen’s 2016 Proposition V, the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage tax, supported health outcomes in low income San Francisco communities by reducing soda consumption and funding active recreation and health programming across the City; and

WHEREAS, Her leadership in the formation of a fair, equitable cannabis industry has created economic opportunity, access to health, and increased social justice for communities targeted by the War on Drugs; and

WHEREAS, President Cohen led the charge to reinforce women's reproductive rights through her creation of San Francisco’s Doula Program, which provides access to families at risk of maternal mortality, and her Pregnancy Crisis Center legislation; and

WHEREAS, Her work as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee included leading on budget reform and municipal banking initiatives, imbued increased transparency and accountability to the City’s budget and financial systems; and
WHEREAS, President Cohen’s landmark Neighborhood Preference legislation reduced outmigration by ensuring that San Franciscans get priority in new housing built in their neighborhood and she successfully negotiated the India Basin project, increasing Bayview residents’ access to affordable housing and green, open spaces; and

WHEREAS, President Cohen passed San Francisco police reform legislation to improve the physical safety of all San Franciscans, enhancing community policing, and increase transparency and accountability in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Her Fair Chance Ordinance has expanded economic opportunities for thousands of individuals that have been involved with the justice system by removing barriers to employment and housing; and

WHEREAS, Her dedication to the residents of District 10 is reflected through her leadership in establishing a community center in Visitacion Valley, celebrating Bayview’s African-American heritage by bringing the Pan-African flag colors to poles on the Third Street corridor, and the significant investment in open space and recreation in the Potrero-Dogpatch neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, She has co-hosted annual celebrations at City Hall for Black History Month and she feted District 10’s LGBTQ community in celebration of annual SF Pride week, embracing a philosophy of working hard, but also celebrating the people around you; and

WHEREAS, Her commitment to hiring, empowering, and uplifting women through an all-female team, embodying the mantra “Bad Bitches Only,” is a beacon of inspiration for women in public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of their officers, employees and residents of this City, recognizes President Malia Cohen’s countless contributions to improving this City, her tireless devotion to solve and be responsive to her constituents’ issues and concerns; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered to President Malia Cohen as a token of the affection and respect in which she is held by the Board of Supervisors, and to express to her their appreciation for her service, their thanks for her presence, and their high hopes for her future.
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December 11, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/11/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor

Date Approved

12/11/18