Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Vallie Brown for her decades of dedicated service to San Francisco and for her distinguished service as a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, In July 2018, Supervisor Vallie Brown was appointed by Mayor London Breed to serve as Supervisor for San Francisco’s District 5; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has now served the people of the City and County of San Francisco with fierce dedication for 12 years, as a Legislative Aide, as a Project Manager at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and, since July 2018, as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has worked tirelessly and in community for District 5 for over 25 years and continues to exhibit the energy, passion and mindset of an activist; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has never hesitated to roll up her sleeves to join in community, expressing her deep and abiding love for the people of District 5 and San Francisco with remarkable grace, humility and humor; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown is a community builder and deeply values community generated solutions, and has never shied away from tackling difficult topics through robust community dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Early on as a neighborhood activist, Supervisor Vallie Brown helped organize her neighbors to stop the gun violence afflicting the Western Addition and Fillmore neighborhoods, supporting new models of restorative justice and providing meaningful

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opportunities for at-risk youth and adults that continue to make a difference in lives throughout San Francisco today; and

WHEREAS, As a neighbor in the Lower Haight, Vallie Brown rallied parents and neighbors to keep the doors of John Muir Elementary School open and to form a new Parent-Teacher Association, believing that neighborhood schools are critical community hubs; and

WHEREAS, As a Legislative Aide, Vallie Brown led the development of the Inner Sunset Farmers Market and Divisadero Farmers Market, increasing healthy food access in her community; and

WHEREAS, As a Legislative Aide, Vallie Brown helped pass the nation’s first plastic bag ban and legislated San Francisco’s 100% renewable energy program, CleanPowerSF, and, as Supervisor, has strengthened the plastic bag ban with passage of the Plastic Bag Ban 2.0; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has been a stalwart champion of housing in District 5 and throughout San Francisco, working hard to promote new affordable housing and to identify and fast track affordable housing projects on publicly owned land all across District 5, advocating for an additional $40 million dollars to expand the small sites housing acquisition program, waive fees to boost development of new affordable housing and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) citywide, and legislating the highest feasible affordable housing requirements for new apartments along Divisadero; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has worked hard to protect tenants individually and as a class, securing funding for and negotiating the acquisition of existing buildings with vulnerable tenants, creating and preserving 100% permanently affordable apartments in District 5, and increasing non-profit and legal services to promote housing stability and protection; and
WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown advocated for and passed Small Business Streamlining legislation to make it easier for San Francisco small businesses to open and stay open; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown legislated and secured funds to open San Francisco’s first-ever Safe Parking program and Vehicular Navigation Center to address the City’s growing vehicular homeless population; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown prioritized social equity, co-authoring legislation to create San Francisco’s first Office of Racial Equity, and passing legislation banning discrimination against unbanked San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown successfully legislated locally against states that challenge the reproductive freedoms of women, transgender, and non-binary people, ensuring that the economic might of San Francisco aligns with our deeply-held social values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes Supervisor Vallie Brown for her service as the first person of Native American heritage to serve on this Board, which meets on traditional, unceded Ramaytush Ohlone lands; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board commends Supervisor Vallie Brown for being a model of courageous female leadership as well as unflagging devotion to public service and to the constituents and communities of District 5 and San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered to Supervisor Vallie Brown as a small token of the esteem, affection, and respect in which she is held by this Board of Supervisors, and to express to her their appreciation for her service and high hopes for her future.
Resolution

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December 10, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee
Absent: 1 - Safai

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/10/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved: 12/20/19