

1 **[Commending Commissioner Ruth Gravanis]**

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3 **Resolution commending Commissioner Ruth Gravanis for her service on the San**
4 **Francisco Commission on the Environment.**

5 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis was appointed by Mayor Gavin
6 Newsom on July 12, 2006 and then reappointed by Mayor Edwin M. Lee, serving on the
7 San Francisco Commission on the Environment until November 30, 2014; and,

8 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis has served as the Commission on the
9 Environment Vice-President and Policy Committee Vice-Chair; and,

10 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis has demonstrated a life-long
11 commitment to protecting the environment before joining the Commission on the
12 Environment working with the Alliance for a Clean Waterfront, Treasure Island and
13 Yerba Buena Island base conversion, the Public Trust Group, the California Native
14 Plant Society and the Audubon Society. She has served as the director of the Restoring
15 the Bay Campaign of the Save San Francisco Bay Association and as executive
16 director of the San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest; and,

17 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis' countless volunteer hours include a
18 year as chair of the Sierra Club Bay Chapter and many years on the San Francisco
19 Group's Conservation Committee. She's been honored with the Sierra Club's national
20 Special Service Award and the Jack Morrison Lifetime Achievement Award from San
21 Francisco Tomorrow; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis is a long-time champion for the
2 protection and restoration of San Francisco’s natural heritage; and,

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis has worked with the Department to
4 vigorously promote sustainable development, particularly with regard to the Treasure
5 Island/Yerba Buena Island and Candlestick/Hunters Point developments and the
6 America’s Cup Event; and,

7 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis was instrumental in the development
8 of a citywide biodiversity policy and the creation of a biodiversity position within the
9 department; and,

10 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis’ efforts to protect San Francisco’s
11 indigenous biodiversity have included the expansion of the Farallones Marine
12 Sanctuary, ending the release of commercially raised butterflies, reduction in combined
13 sewage discharges into the Bay and Ocean, naming the Endangered Pacific
14 Leatherback as the Official Marine Reptile of California, and banning the release of
15 helium balloons; and,

16 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis has been a dedicated advocate for
17 smart consumerism, urging awareness of the carbon footprint of our purchases and
18 promoting a reduction in car ownership; and,

19 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis was an early proponent of banning the
20 sale of plastic water bottles on City property and the implementation of practical
21 hydration alternatives; and,

1 WHEREAS, Commissioner Ruth Gravanis has dedicated her service to the
2 Commission on the Environment; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Commission and the Department of the Environment would like
4 to extend a commendation for her outstanding service and dedication; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment and the Department of the
6 Environment are appreciative of all the work that Commissioner Ruth Gravanis
7 performed; now therefore, be it,

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment and the
9 Department of the Environment recognize the honorable Commissioner Ruth Gravanis'
10 contribution to protecting and advancing San Francisco's environmental wellbeing, and
11 wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

12 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the
13 Environment's Meeting on January 27, 2015.

Monica Fish

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15 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

16 VOTE: 5-0 Approved; 2 Vacant

17 AYES: Commissioners Arce, King, Stephenson, Wald and Wan

18 NOES: None

19 ABSENT: None

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