

1 **Resolution in support of declaring January 30, 2011, as Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties**

2 WHEREAS, Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu was a national civil rights hero and an endless fighter for civil
3 liberties; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu was a law abiding, native-born citizen of the United States when he and
5 110,000 American residents of Japanese descent were ordered to enter into internment camps; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu courageously and successfully challenged the U. S. government for its
7 internment of Japanese Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu was instrumental in lobbying for the passage of the bill which would grant
9 an official apology from the U.S. government and a token compensation of \$20,000 for each surviving
10 Japanese American that was incarcerated in the internment camps; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu's landmark Coram Nobis case nullified his conviction for refusing to comply
12 with the United States order to attend an internment camp; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu led the struggle against the overwhelming movement to scapegoat
14 immigrants for the political and social problems of his time, and

15 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes January 30, as the Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties
16 and the Constitution.

17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC):

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- 19 1) Supports the proposed Board of Supervisor's Resolution declaring January 30, 2011 as Fred T.
20 Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties; and
 - 21 2) Urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to pass and adopt the above resolution; and
 - 22 3) Urges the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Board of Education of the San Francisco
23 Unified School District to obtain and use the learning kits developed by the Fred Korematsu
24 Institute; and
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- 1 4) Commends Karen Korematsu-Haigh, the family of Fred Korematsu, the Asian Law Caucus and
2 the members of the Coram Nobis Legal Team for their courage, dedication and vision of civil
3 rights for all; and
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5 5) Encourages the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs to continue working with the
6 Fred Korematsu Institute on public education and racial harmony efforts, and
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8 6) Encourages leaders of the City and County of San Francisco to stand against the current
9 movement to scapegoat immigrants.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IRC issues a Certificate of Merit to Ms. Karen Korematsu-Haigh,
10 Executive Director of the Fred Korematsu Institute.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission directs the Executive
13 Director of the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, which staffs the Commission, to
14 forward this resolution to the offices of Mayor Edwin Lee, President David Chiu and all members of
15 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, SFISD Superintendent Carlos Garcia, Board of Education
16 President Hydra Mendoza and Members of the San Francisco Board of Education.

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**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE COMMISSION**

Resolution No. 11-00001

I hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Executive Director of the
Immigrant Rights Commission and that the above resolution was adopted
and approved by the Immigrant Rights Commission at a properly noticed
Commission meeting on January 14, 2011.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrienne Pon".

Adrienne Pon
Executive Director
Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs