RESOLUTION COMMENDING NAYAD ABRAHAMIAN FOR HER OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SHE HAS OFFERED TO ENSURE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, Nayad Abrahamian has worked tirelessly as an advocate, program coordinator and mentor to hundreds of youth in San Francisco through her years as staff of the Youth Empowerment Fund; and

WHEREAS, Her commitment to youth has been evident in the indispensable expansion of the Youth Warrior Award & Fellowship Program and her efforts to extend the magnitude of the Youth Empowerment Fund in its guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, These guidelines include supporting the role and leadership of young people by providing them with resources to define their own programming, practice leadership, and to bring sustainable community change; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Empowerment Fund also believes that youth should be making decisions that affect their own lives; possess the knowledge and ability to be leaders in their communities; and should have access to resources to define their own programs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Through Nayad’s leadership as the Youth Empowerment Fund Manager, youth from all over San Francisco participating in the YEF programs have had opportunities to learn and thrive, and to become their own leaders carrying out the guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, Nayad has provided an eloquent voice and shared powerful testimony through her role as Youth Leadership and Advocacy Coordinator to the need for youth empowerment, civic engagement and youth voice in the political climate; and
WHEREAS, Youth Advocacy Day is an all day event where San Francisco high school students come together to City Hall to practice civic engagement through attending an introduction to city government workshop, discussing issues that are important to their peers, and meeting directly with elected and city officials to share what they care about as young people; and

WHEREAS, Nayad has been able to demonstrate her commitment to youth and civic engagement via the successful coordination of Youth Advocacy Day for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Her Passion is infectious, her energy is boundless, her exuberant personality brightens the political and social climate and her love for the youth of San Francisco is unmatched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2013-2014 San Francisco Youth Commission does herby honor, Nayad Abrahamian for her outstanding efforts in ensuring youth empowerment through their personal and professional development through programs and opportunities as an employee with the Youth Empowerment Fund.

Nicholas Persky
2013-2014 Youth Commission Chair

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