

1 [Recognition of the Young Performers Theatre]

2 **Resolution recognizing the work and impact of the Young Performers Theatre in**
3 **creating a safe and creative space and community for youth in San Francisco.**

4 WHEREAS, The Young Performers Theatre (YPT) is a non-profit theater in San
5 Francisco with programming and opportunities for youth; and

6 WHEREAS, YPT was founded in 1983 by Matilda Manning Kunin, in memory of
7 her son Anthony Manning Kunin, to provide theatrical instruction for kids as well as
8 entertainment the entire family could experience together; and

9 WHEREAS, YPT’s mission is “to provide every child in the Bay Area with the
10 opportunity to tell their stories and participate in theater, with the aim of instilling a life-
11 long appreciation of the arts; providing a safe, supportive space for social bonding; and
12 fostering the skills necessary to succeed in life including self-confidence, empathy,
13 focus, teamwork and creative thinking to solve problems”; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its founding, YPT has provided hundreds of young people with
15 the opportunity to learn about themselves and grow as people through the performing
16 arts; and

17 WHEREAS, Since its founding, YPT has presented over 150 shows and
18 developed a rich toolkit for improving outcomes in early childhood development through
19 its multiple programs; and

20 WHEREAS, YPT’s Theatre in Education program, which is supported by the
21 Mimi and Peter Haas Fund, provides arts-based enrichment curricula to seven Haas-
22 funded family centers and model preschools in low-income neighborhoods around San
23 Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, YPT’s Theatre in Education program teaches youth key life skills,
2 including creative problem solving, group coordination, empathy for other points of view,
3 thinking around what makes a story, and how to respond to cues appropriately; and

4 WHEREAS, YPT’s Repertory program provides a space for young performers to
5 work together to create and produce full-scale productions free of charge, with
6 performances being open to the public; and

7 WHEREAS, YPT’s Repertory program builds the confidence of youth who
8 participate in the Repertory both in and outside the theater; and

9 WHEREAS, YPT’s Academy program teaches youth the fundamentals of
10 dramatization and story structure, and teaches acting, performance, musical theater,
11 stagecraft and production skills; and therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends the
13 work of the Young Performers Theatre and recognizes the positive impact the
14 community and its programs have had on youth in the City and County of San
15 Francisco.