## RESOLUTION

Mexican Consulate Sponsorship of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadway International Film Festival of 2022

Whereas, on the eve of the anniversary opening of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadway International Film Festival on August 24 to 26, 2022;

Whereas, this international film event has been created with the purpose of reopening and promoting the historical theaters in the Broadway Corridor;

Whereas, the purpose of the festival includes reaching all aspects of our community with the focus of placing Broadway as a cultural center of film diversity and a platform for the exposure of important topics that affect us all, with the opportunity for both emerging and established talent to showcase and publicize their material;

Whereas, as of 2019, the Mexican Consulate of Mexico in Los Angeles, under the leadership of Consul General Marcela Celorio has been actively sponsoring this festival;

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Consul General Marcela Celerio managed circumstances and maintained the situation to diligently serve our community during those dark days;

Whereas in such difficult moments we get to know our leaders and Consul General Celerio is one of those strong of leaders;

Therefore be it resolved that the Los Angeles City Council congratulates Consul General Marcela Celerio and thanks her for the sponsorship of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadway International Film Festival 2022.

Presented by

Gil Cedillo

Councilmember, First District

Seconded by

Kevin de León

Councilmember, Fourteenth District

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WHEREAS, Nisei Week first came to Little Tokyo for seven days and nights in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week was created by the Nisei living in Little Tokyo as a way to uplift the community's spirit during the Great Depression and for the Issei to cater more to the Nisei generation in both hiring and retail practice; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week was believed to be a great event by enough Issei merchants that they helped fund the early effort; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week has now become an all-volunteer event supported by the nonprofit organization, Nisei Week Foundation. Today's celebration mixes traditional with new events, such as the Coronation Ball, the Annual Nisei Week Grand Parade, Ondo dancing, Taiko Gathering, martial arts exhibitions, Ikebana flower arrangement, and tea ceremonies, among many more; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week continues to be a festival that promotes Japanese and Japanese American heritage and culture, while bringing together the diverse communities of Southern California through arts and cultural education; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week will be a festival that will continue to be a generational and cultural bridge mixing old traditions with new ideas and activities; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week is composed of a royal court representing various Japanese community organizations. Congratulations to the 2022 Nisei Week Court: Amanda Akiko Hiraishi, Emily Shigeko Kumagai, Lorie Hatsuko Meza, Audrey Emi Nakaoka, Faith Sumiko Nishimura, Kristine Emiko Yada, and Maile Tabata Yanguas:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles recognizes NISEI WEEK and the NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION for their distinguished service to the Japanese and Japanese American community throughout the Southern California region for the last 80 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Los Angeles City Council, and the people of the Fourteenth Council District, extend a special thank you to the Little Tokyo community for contributing to the cultural fabric of the great City of Los Angeles for generations.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

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