[Commending The FruitGuys on Their 25th Year in Business]

Resolution commending The FruitGuys, which started the fruit-at-work global industry in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood in 1998, on the occasion of their 25th year in business.

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys provides farm fresh fruit and healthy snacks to businesses, schools, organizations, and homes and made its first deliveries of mixed fruit boxes on February 16, 1998, from Chris Mittelstaedt and Pia Hinckle's North Beach apartment to companies in the Embarcadero Center; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys' model has helped inspire a global wellness industry that now spans North and South America, Europe, Africa, and Oceania; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys donates all its excess weekly produce to local hunger relief partners, notably St. Anthony's Foundation, which has been receiving donations since 1998, and over the years has provided a total of more than four million servings to San Francisco charities including Project Open Hand, Larkin Street Youth Services, and Hunters Point Family, and more than 18 million total servings to charities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys has encouraged its San Francisco clients to forward their deliveries when they are closed to local charities and schools, which has resulted in over one million servings being donated and relationships built between city businesses and their communities; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys became a certified B Corporation in 2019 by meeting the highest standards of independently-verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and accountability to balance profit with purpose and was named as a 2022 Best for the World™ B Corp™ in the Community category; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys mission is to create healthier workplaces, support small American farms, and fight hunger and it supports these goals by donating a minimum value of 20% of annual profits in direct donations to feed the hungry and funding grants to farms through its non-profit, The FruitGuys Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys Community Fund celebrated in 2022 its 10th year of giving small grants with big impacts and has awarded grants to 105 farms in more than 32 states, 86% of which went to women and/or BIPOC-led farms, totaling more than \$412,000; and

WHEREAS, The FruitGuys is still family-owned and operated, celebrating its 25th year of business led by the Mittelstaedt, Hinckle, and Muller families, employs 72 people, and purchases from regional farms and local vendors near 11 hubs across the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends The FruitGuys and its employees on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary celebrated February 16, 2023, and commends its continued good works for the communities it serves.



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February 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/14/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor

2/24/2023

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board