

1 [MILTON WOLFF AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE DAY PROCLAMATION.]

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3 **Resolution declaring July 25, 2001 as Commander Milton Wolff and Abraham Lincoln**
4 **Brigade Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, American volunteers, most without military training of any kind, traveled to
8 Spain between 1936 -1938 to defend the democratically elected Spanish Republic against
9 fascism; and,
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12 WHEREAS, These volunteers formed the Abraham Lincoln battalion, George
13 Washington battalion, and the MacKenzie-Papineau battalion (with Canadian volunteers),
14 often collectively referred to, and popularly known as, the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and,
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17 WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Brigade distinguished itself in battle against superior
18 forces at Jarama, Pingarron Hill, Brunete, Villanueva de la Canada, Romanillos Heights,
19 Mosquito Crest, Quinto, Belchite, Fuentes de Ebro, Monte Peligrossa, Teruel, Caspe,
20 Gandesa, Fatarella, Hill 666, and elsewhere; and,
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23 WHEREAS, Milton Wolff, veteran of every action the battalion participated in beginning
24 with Brunete, having begun his service in a machine-gun company of the George Washington
25 battalion, was made the final Commander of the Lincoln battalion at age twenty-two in March

1 of 1938 (succeeding James Harris, Robert Merriman, Van den Berghe, Martin Hourihan,
2 Oliver Law, Mirko Markovicz, Hans Amlie, Leonard Lamb, and Philip Detro); and,
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4 WHEREAS, On July 25, 1938, under the leadership of Commander Wolff, the Lincoln
5 Brigade crossed the Ebro River, without air support or artillery, diverting fascist troops from
6 the Republican held city of Valencia; and,
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9 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Brigade served the Spanish Republic and cause of freedom
10 with honor until the International Brigades were withdrawn from the front lines in October of
11 1938; and,
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14 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln Brigade veterans of the Spanish Civil War have
15 continued their efforts against fascism through the organization known as the Veterans of the
16 Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB); now, therefore be it
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19 RESOLVED, That July 25, 2001 be declared Commander Milton Wolff and Abraham
20 Lincoln Brigade Day in San Francisco in commemoration of the day in 1938 when
21 Commander Wolff and the Lincoln Brigade crossed the Ebro River and began the successful
22 Ebro Offensive in Spain.
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February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yee

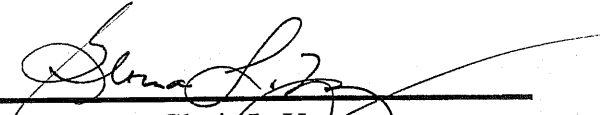
February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on February 26, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

MAR 09 2001
Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.