

[Urge City Departments To Determine Power Outage Preparedness]

URGING CITY DEPARTMENTS TO DETERMINE THEIR PREPAREDNESS IN THE POWER OUTAGE ON DECEMBER 8, 1998, AS A PREDICTOR OF THEIR PREPAREDNESS FOR A YEAR 2000 EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The Year 2000 problem (also called the "Y2K" Problem) is a serious technical glitch that infects much of the commercial software in use around the world; and,

WHEREAS, The problem arises from the fact that date fields in computer software and microprocessors have been limited to two digits—denoting the decade and year—to save space or lines of computer code. Therefore, 1997 is read by the computer as 97, and the 20th century (or 1900) is assumed; and,

WHEREAS, Unless corrected, this assumption will create massive problems as the year 2000 approaches, since most software will incorrectly assume that the year 2000 is 1900, yielding incorrect calculations and potentially causing numerous computer programs to fail altogether; and,

WHEREAS, Many experts predict the Year 2000 emergency will be similar to the crisis caused by a large power outage; and,

WHEREAS, Though many City departments are aware of the problem and are taking steps to guarantee compliance, all City departments should determine their preparedness during the power outage on December 8, 1998, as a predictor of their preparedness for a Year 2000 crisis; and,

WHEREAS, Problems may occur, particularly with power sources outside of City supervision or control; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that City departments seriously look at the areas where there were problems during the power outage in December, 1998, use the December 8 power outage as a tool for Year 2000 emergency preparedness, and take the necessary steps to solve those problems before the year 2000.



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Resolution urging City departments to determine their preparedness in the power outage on December 8, 1998, as a predictor of their preparedness for a year 2000 emergency.

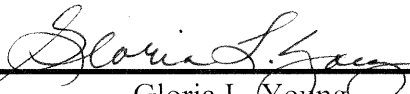
December 21, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Yaki

Absent: 3 - Kaufman, Teng, Yee

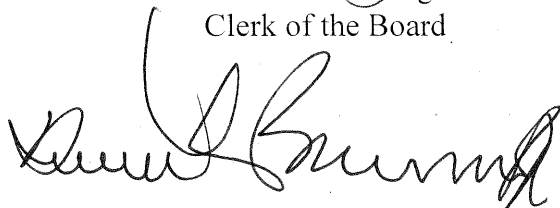
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 21, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.