

1 [Condemning the Taliban]

2 **CONDEMNING THE TALIBAN, THE RULING FACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF**
3 **AFGHANISTAN, FOR ITS INHUMANE TREATMENT OF GAY PEOPLE AND WOMEN .**

4 WHEREAS, The Taliban, the current ruling faction of the government of
5 Afghanistan, is not recognized by the majority of nations except for four countries; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the Taliban's interpretation of Islamic Law, homosexuality is
7 deemed a capital offense and is punishable by toppling a brick wall up to 15 feet over those
8 convicted of sodomy and if the convicted survives, the sentence is commuted; and

9 WHEREAS, On February 25, 1998, three Afghan men, Fazalur Rehamn, Ahmand Shah
10 and Abdul Qahir , were convicted of sodomy and had a stone wall toppled over them by a
11 battle tank; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 22, 1998, Abdul Sami and Bismillah were similarly convicted
13 and suffered the same ordeal; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 15, 1999, Shuma Khan, also convicted of sodomy and
15 punished, survived the ordeal; and

16 WHEREAS, On all three occasions, the punishment was meted out in public,
17 sometimes in public stadiums, in order to terrorize its citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, The Taliban has imposed an oppressive system of gender discrimination
19 against women, banning girls from going to school, banning women from attending university,
20 prohibiting women from holding jobs, requiring women to be accompanied at all times in public
21 by a male member of their immediate families, requiring women to be covered from head to
22 toe and requiring windows of homes with women to be darkened ; and

23 WHEREAS, These attacks against gays and women are latest in a series of repressive
24 measures which are justified through religious rhetoric and aimed at circumscribing the rights
25 of its citizens; now, therefore, be it

Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Brown, Leno, Yaki

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 condemns the Taliban, the ruling faction of the government of Afghanistan, for its inhumane
3 treatment of gays; and let it be

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemn inhumane and
5 antiquated sodomy laws as a violation of human rights of gay people; and let it be

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemn the gender
7 discrimination of women as violation of human rights and as an affront to civil society and
8 government.

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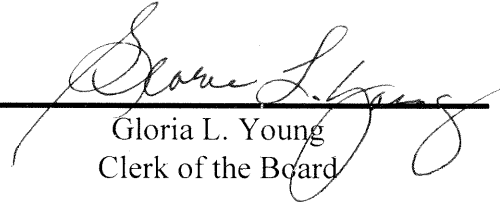
February 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 1, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

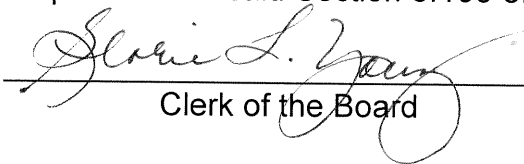

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: February 16, 1999

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the charter.


Clerk of the Board

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