1   [Supporting AB 3042]

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3   **Resolution supporting AB3042 which protects the child victims of commercial sexual**

4   **exploitation.**

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6   WHEREAS, Every year in San Francisco, thousands of children, as young as 10 years

7   old, are forced to work in the sex trades; and

8   WHEREAS, San Francisco's Task Force to End the Exploitation of Youth exposed the

9   increasing victimization of sexually exploited youth; and

10   WHEREAS, Child sexual exploitation is an intolerable public health and public safety

11   problem; and

12   WHEREAS, District Attorney Kamala D. Harris, working with SAGE and other

13   community advocates, has developed and sponsored AB3042; and

14   WHEREAS, Assemblyman Leland Yee authored the legislation and it was passed

15   unanimously by the California State Assembly; and

16   WHEREAS, AB3042 will be considered by the California Senate Appropriations

17   Committee on August 2, 2004 and then by the full State Senate; and

18   WHEREAS, AB3042 will increase penalties for offenders convicted of sexual crimes

19   against children and youth when those crimes are committed in the context of commercial

    sexual exploitation; and

20   WHEREAS, AB3042 will make clear that these victimized children are in fact victims of

21   molestation and sexual assault and will not be disregarded as "prostitutes"; and

22   WHEREAS, This cutting-edge legislation, the first of its kind in the nation, will make

23   clear that prostituted and exploited children will be protected from molestation, abuse and

24   trauma; now therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports the

2 passage of AB3042; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed

4 to inform our representatives in the California State legislature and the Governor of the

5 passage of this resolution; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the leadership of

7 District Attorney Harris and Assemblyman Yee in their efforts to protect vulnerable children.

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