

1 [Commendation for Rudolf Amenga-Etego and the Ghana National Coalition Against  
2 Privatization of Water.]

3 **Resolution commending Rudolf Amenga-Etego and the Ghana National Coalition**  
4 **Against Privatization of Water for their commitment to universal access to safe,**  
5 **affordable water.**

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7 WHEREAS, In developing nations, over a billion people lack access to safe drinking  
8 water and 2.4 billion do not have adequate sanitation. Deaths continue to mount from  
9 preventable water related diseases such as cholera, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and malaria;  
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, no single intervention has  
12 greater impact on national development and public health than access to safe, affordable  
13 drinking water and proper sanitation; and,

14 WHEREAS, Public control and public accountability for water are key to achieving and  
15 maintaining access to affordable water; and,

16 WHEREAS, In Ghana where running water is a limited resource, the World Bank has  
17 required the government to privatize its urban water system which would impose higher rates  
18 on individuals and not address the serious need of sanitation; and,

19 WHEREAS, In response to the privatization agreement, Rudolf Amenga-Etego co-  
20 founded the Ghana National Coalition Against Privatization of Water, a broad consortium of  
21 organizations representing health professionals, academia, trade unions, students, disabled,  
22 and women's groups, and have been instrumental in raising public awareness about the  
23 privatization proposal, and calling for accountable public sector alternatives;" and,

24 WHEREAS, Local 21 of the International Federation of Professional and Technical  
25 Engineers Union, the Center for Policy Alternatives on Trade and Health (CPATH), and Public

SUPERVISOR CHRIS DALY, *Ammiawo, McGoldrick*  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 Citizen are sponsoring a visit from Rudolf Amenga-Etego to San Francisco to discuss the  
2 dangers of multinational companies privatizing the sale of water; and,

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Amenga-Etego's visit will connect local and global efforts to protect  
4 safe water and educate individuals about the necessity of achieving and maintaining access  
5 to affordable water; now therefore, be it,

6 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors welcome Rudolf Amenga-Etego and  
7 commend National Coalition Against the Privatization of Water in Ghana for their efforts to  
8 expand access to safe, affordable water and sanitation through publicly accountable systems  
9 in Ghana, the United States, and internationally.



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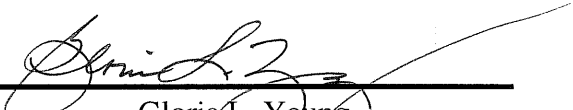
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September 30, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,  
Peskin, Sandoval, Yee  
Absent: 1 - Daly

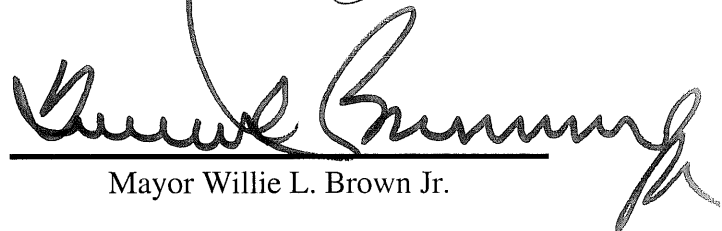
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 30, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.