1

[Supporting AB 3042]

2

Resolution supporting AB3042 which protects the child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

5

6

7

4

WHEREAS, Every year in San Francisco, thousands of children, as young as 10 years old, are forced to work in the sex trades; and

8

9

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Task Force to End the Exploitation of Youth exposed the increasing victimization of sexually exploited youth; and

10

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

11 12

WHEREAS, District Attorney Kamala D. Harris, working with SAGE and other community advocates, has developed and sponsored AB3042; and

1314

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Leland Yee authored the legislation and it was passed unanimously by the California State Assembly; and

1516

WHEREAS, AB3042 will be considered by the California Senate Appropriations Committee on August 2, 2004 and then by the full State Senate; and

17

18

WHEREAS, AB3042 will increase penalties for offenders convicted of sexual crimes against children and youth when those crimes are committed in the context of commercial sexual exploitation; and

19 20

21

22

WHEREAS, AB3042 will make clear that these victimized children are in fact victims of molestation and sexual assault and will not be disregarded as "prostitutes"; and

23

24

25

WHEREAS, This cutting-edge legislation, the first of its kind in the nation, will make clear that prostituted and exploited children will be protected from molestation, abuse and trauma; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports the passage of AB3042; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to inform our representatives in the California State legislature and the Governor of the passage of this resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the leadership of District Attorney Harris and Assemblyman Yee in their efforts to protect vulnerable children.



## City and County of San Francisco Tails

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Resolution

File Number:

041011

**Date Passed:** 

Resolution supporting AB 3042 which protects the child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

July 20, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin,

Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Daly, McGoldrick

File No. 041011

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 20, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Youn Clerk of the Boa

Mayor Gavin/Newsom

JUL 22 2004

**Date Approved**