

1 [Gay Rights in México]

2 **URGING PRESIDENT VICENTE FOX OF MEXICO TO CONSIDER AND ADDRESS ISSUES**
3 **IMPORTANT TO THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN**
4 **MEXICO AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS NATIONAL POLICY AND FURTHER URGING**
5 **PRESIDENT FOX TO COLLABORATE WITH GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND**
6 **TRANSGENDER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN MEXICO TO FORMULATE POLICY TO**
7 **ENSURE THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF MEXICO'S GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND**
8 **TRANSGENDER ARE PROTECTED.**

9 WHEREAS, The country of México has a large, vibrant population of gays, lesbians,
10 bisexuals and transgender citizens ; and

11 WHEREAS, Social progress, education, economic development and greater political
12 awareness in Mexico has enabled many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals
13 and activists to openly declare their sexual orientation without fear of political and social
14 repercussions ; and

15 WHEREAS, There is an increasing awareness and tolerance amongst the people of
16 Mexico of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community within their own city, province
17 and nation ; and

18 WHEREAS, Like other minorities and marginalized groups in México, the gay, lesbian,
19 bisexual and transgender community still experiences political and social discrimination,
20 physical and verbal assaults as well as denial of basic social rights afforded to the
21 heterosexuals; and

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Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Leno

1 WHEREAS, In 1994, an intense campaign of harassment was launched in the City of
2 Chihuahua in which law enforcement officials targeted gay men and transvestites including
3 verbal harassment, threats, assault, massive police sweeps of bars and private homes,
4 destroying private property, extortion, arbitrary arrests, illegal detention, illegal levying of fines
5 for "offending public morality" and torture while in custody, and

6 WHEREAS, In December of 1995, an American lesbian couple, Livit Callentine and
7 Holly Babe Faust, were returning to the U.S. from Guadalajara on Mexican Airlines; and

8 WHEREAS, The American couple were accused of "immoral behavior" for holding
9 hands by flight captain Arturo Trujillo Vizcarra who proceeded to have them taken off the plane
10 by six security guards; and

11 WHEREAS, They were driven in a van for two hours and denied overnight
12 accommodations and were initially denied the right to retrieve their luggage; and

13 WHEREAS, The harassment, kidnapping, torture, imprisonment and murder of
14 members of the indigenous communities in México as well as human rights workers in Mexico
15 continues; and

16 WHEREAS; In October 1997, the Catholic Church backed organization, Pro-VIDA
17 launched a campaign against CONASIDA, the Mexican government's National AIDS
18 Prevention and Control Program ; and

19 WHEREAS; In addition to suing CONASIDA to halt the AIDS prevention program, the
20 Pro-VIDA group with the backing of Archbishop Monsignor Norbeto Rivera, has pressured the
21 government to label condom wrappers with "This product may be hazardous to your health",
22 thus contributing to the spread of misinformation of condom use and the spread of AIDS; and
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1 WHEREAS, These brief examples are but indicative of the type of educational work that
2 needs to be done to ensure that the members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender
3 are treated with the same respect and dignity and are allowed the same political rights as any
4 other citizen; and

5 WHEREAS; San Francisco residents of Mexican descent number over 68,000 in the
6 City of San Francisco and the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community number over
7 70,000; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mexican-American community and the gay, lesbian, bisexual and
9 transgender in San Francisco are directly impacted by the human rights violation as well as
10 the political and economic instabilities in México; and

11 WHEREAS, The citizens of San Francisco desire to establish the policies herein for the
12 purposes of stimulating public discussion, influencing the views of their fellow Americans and
13 affecting the formulation and implementation of the foreign policy of the United States
14 Congress; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 urges president Vicente Fox of México to consider and address issues important to the gay,
17 lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in México as an integral part of his national
18 policy and further urging President Fox to collaborate with gay, lesbian, bisexual and
19 transgender organizations within México to formulate policy to ensure the rights and dignity of
20 México's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender are protected; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors request the Clerk of the Board
22 send a copy of this resolution to President Vicente Fox of México as well as the Mexican
23 embassy in San Francisco.

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25 **SUPERVISORS AMMIANO**



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Resolution

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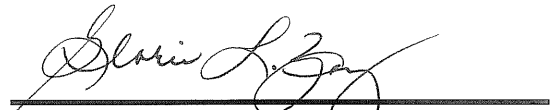
September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Leno, Yaki

Absent: 5 - Brown, Kaufman, Newsom, Teng, Yee

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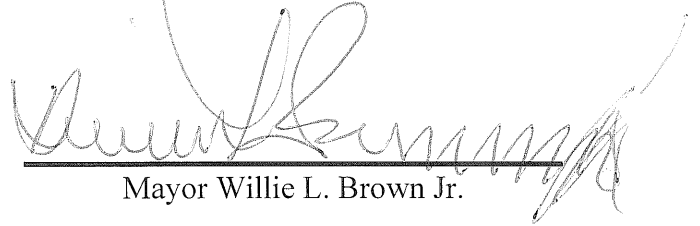
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 25, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.