

1 [Urging United Nations Human Rights Commission]

2 URGING THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ALL
3 HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS
4 ABUSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORCED DETENTIONS,
5 DEPORTATIONS, AND DISPLACEMENTS OF POPULATION CAUSED BY
6 THE ERITREAN AND ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT AND CALLS ON ERITREA AND
7 ETHIOPIA IMMEDIATELY TO BRING AN END TO THE VIOLENCE BETWEEN
8 THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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10 WHEREAS, There has recently been strife and conflict between Eritrea
11 and Ethiopia resulting in a host of human rights abuses; and,
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13 WHEREAS, Congressman Tom Campbell and Congressman Donald
14 Payne introduced a resolution calling for an end to the conflict between Eritrea
15 and Ethiopia at the last session of Congress and which passed the House of
16 Representatives before the fighting escalated between Eritrea and Ethiopia; and,
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18 WHEREAS, The 1991 Ouster of the Mengistu dictatorship led to relative
19 peace and stability in Eritrea and Ethiopia; and,
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21 WHEREAS, In 1993 Eritrea became independent after an internationally
22 supervised referendum and the Government of Ethiopia accepted the result of
23 the referendum; and,
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25 WHEREAS, The governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia have worked closely
on a wide range of issues over the past several years; and,

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1 WHEREAS, the governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia enjoy warm relations
2 with the United States; and,

3 WHEREAS, On May 6, 1998, a military confrontation erupted between
4 Eritrea and Ethiopia, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of innocent civilians and
5 the displacement of tens of thousands of people; and,

6 WHEREAS, In recent months, the violence between Eritrea and Ethiopia
7 has escalated tremendously; and,

8 WHEREAS, The people of Eritrea and Ethiopia have suffered for decades
9 due to war and manmade famines and do not deserve once again to suffer due
10 to armed conflict; and,

11 WHEREAS, The conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia could destabilize
12 the entire sub-region and lead to a massive humanitarian crisis; and,

13 WHEREAS, The governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia have both stated
14 that they are committed to reaching a peaceful resolution of the conflict; and,

15 WHEREAS, The governments of the United States and Rwanda, as well
16 as countries in the region, have put forth proposals for resolving the conflict;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges
19 the United Nations Human Rights Commission and all human rights
20 organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the forced
21 detentions, deportations and displacements of population caused by the Eritrean
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and Ethiopian conflict and calls on Eritrea and Ethiopia immediately to bring an
end to the violence between the two countries.

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the United Nations Human Rights Commission and all human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the forced detentions, deportations and displacements of population caused by the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict and calls on Eritrea and Ethiopia immediately to bring an end to the violence between the two countries.

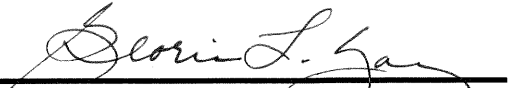
March 15, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Brown, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee

Absent: 5 - Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki

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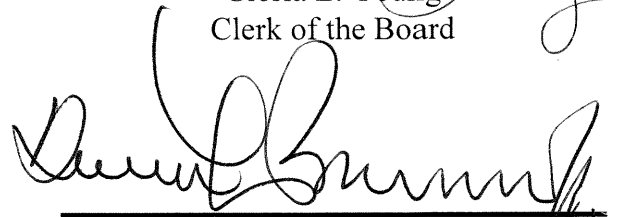
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 15, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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