

1 [Celebrating National Minority Donor Awareness Day and raising awareness about the need
2 for minority organ donors.]

3 **Resolution raising awareness about the lack of and need for minority organ**
4 **donors and celebrating August 1, 2003 as National Minority Awareness Day to inform**
5 **and educate potential donors.**

6 WHEREAS, There currently are more than 82,000 people in the United States on the
7 national organ-transplant waiting list of which approximately 22,000 are African-American,
8 12,000 are Latino, 4,000 are Asian, and 2,000 are other non-Caucasian; and
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10 WHEREAS, In 2002, only about 780 African-Americans, 750 Latinos, 125 Asians, and
11 60 other non-Caucasians donated organs in the United States after they passed away; and
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13 WHEREAS, In California, there currently are approximately 16,000 people on the
14 national waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant -- 6,576 Caucasians, 5,017 Latinos,
15 2,163 African-Americans, 2,346 Asians and 500 other non-Caucasians; and
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17 WHEREAS, In Northern and Central California alone, there are more than 8,000
18 people who are on the national waiting list for life-saving organ transplants and of these,
19 3,715 are Caucasian, 1,850 are Latino, 1,132 are African-American, 1,432 are Asian and 278
20 are other non-Caucasians; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2002, 3,003 Californians received life-saving organ transplants and of
22 these, 901 were Hispanic, 316 were African-American, 342 were Asian and there were more
23 than 100 other non-Caucasians; and

24 WHEREAS, In California in 2002, only 433 Hispanics, 135 African-Americans, 128
25 Asians and 21 other non-Caucasians became organ donors; and

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1 WHEREAS, In Northern and Central California, the 2002 average consent rate for
2 people who were medically suitable for donation and who consented to donation was only 58
3 percent, and of these, the Caucasian consent rate was 74 percent; the Hispanic consent rate
4 was 50 percent; the African-American consent rate was 48 percent; and the Asian consent
5 rate was 40 percent; now, therefore, be it

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7 RESOLVED, That more people, especially from the Latino, African American, and
8 Asian communities, are needed to consent to organ donation to save more lives; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That National Minority Donor Awareness Day be celebrated
10 throughout the City and County of San Francisco on August 1, 2003, to bring to dispel fears
11 and address obstacles related to minority donation of organs, tissues, blood and bone
12 marrow.
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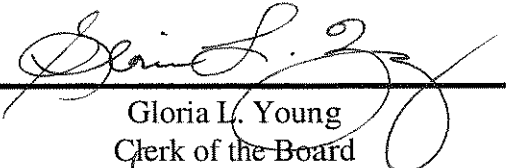
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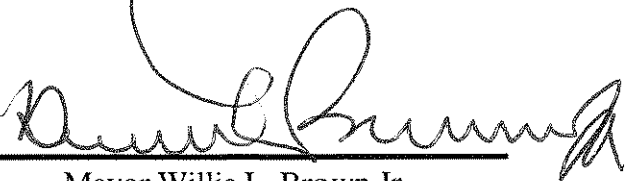
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 29, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.