

1 [Proclaiming Friday, September 27, 2002 as Car Free Day in San Francisco.]

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4 WHEREAS, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1999, 66 French towns, 92 Italian towns and the  
5 canton of Geneva came together to coordinate the first Car Free Day; and,

6 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2000, Bogota, Colombia inaugurated the world's most  
7 extensive car-free day when, the city's seven million citizens left their 800,000 cars at home  
8 and walked biked, and took public transportation to work; and,

9 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has a Transit First Policy, requiring  
10 that "travel by public transit, bicycle, and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by  
11 private automobile and decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk  
12 space shall encourage the use of public right of way by pedestrians, bicyclists and public  
13 transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety"; and,

14 WHEREAS, scientists around the world see mounting evidence of the devastation that  
15 will result from continued global warming, and available data indicates that the United States  
16 burns nearly 25 percent of the world's annual use of fossil fuels, producing greenhouse gases  
17 and causing global warming, and that in the United States nearly 50 percent of those gases  
18 come from automobile exhaust; and,

19 WHEREAS, ninety-five percent of San Francisco is well served by public transportation  
20 linking it to downtown, but only 50 percent of commuters in San Francisco and the region take  
21 advantage of public transportation to go to downtown San Francisco; and,

22 WHEREAS, A well-publicized Car Free Day will help people realize the importance of  
23 reducing their automobile dependence, for environmental and personal health as well as  
24 financial reasons and Car Free Day will demonstrate the extensive public transportation that  
25 serves the city and the practicality of less driving; and,

1           WHEREAS, cities around the world have observed successful Car Free Day and  
2 enjoyed pleasant experiences of cleaner air, quieter streets and increased profits for the  
3 businesses in the neighborhoods closed to cars; and,

4           WHEREAS, the 1994 Planning Department Study, Downtown Streetscape Plan,  
5 indicates that 3,000 pedestrians congest both sides of Montgomery Street, the Wall Street of  
6 the West, during lunchtime, and that over 10,000 cars per day travel down Montgomery  
7 Street per day and in contrast, part of Wall Street of the East is closed every day during noon  
8 hours; and,

9           WHEREAS, International Car Free Week is from September 13th to September 27th,  
10 and European Car Free Day is on September 22; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
12 proclaims Friday, September 27, 2002 as Car Free Day in San Francisco; and, be it

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Car Free Day Event will take place on Montgomery  
14 Street between California and Market street. Montgomery Street will be closed to through  
15 traffic south of the intersection at California Street to the Terminus at Market Street from 10  
16 AM to 2 PM; and be it,

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that the  
18 Department of Parking and Traffic, MUNI, Department of the Environment, Department of  
19 Public Works, Police Department, Department of Public Health and the Mayor's office to work  
20 together with community representatives and other regional agencies to make Car Free Day a  
21 success.



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August 19, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 4 - Hall, McGoldrick, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 19, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

AUG 29 2002

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.