

1 [Commending Michael Sawyer]

2 **COMMENDING MICHAEL SAWYER FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO WALDEN**  
3 **HOUSE AND FOR ASSISTING AND SAVING COUNTLESS NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM**  
4 **DESPAIR, VIOLENCE AND SELF DESTRUCTION AND LEADING THEM TOWARDS SELF**  
5 **ACCEPTANCE AND LOVE, SELF EMPOWERMENT, AND BECOMING RESPONSIBLE**  
6 **AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING AND ENLIGHTENING**  
7 **OTHERS.**

8 WHEREAS, Michael Sawyer for the past 16 years has devoted his life to the struggle  
9 against drug and alcohol abuse in the San Francisco Bay Area, and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Sawyer has served as a front-line counselor, giving advise and  
11 focus to hundreds of recovering drug and alcohol addicted clients, and

12 WHEREAS, At Walden House, he served as the facility manager of the day treatment  
13 facility where he oversaw the treatment of outpatient clients and developed Outreach  
14 programs for the Latino and African American communities; and

15 WHEREAS; Within the African American community Michael Sawyer is recognized as  
16 an exemplary role model and source of inspiration by his peers; and

17 WHEREAS, As the current facility manager of Walden House, he has fought to maintain  
18 the facilities status as a co-educational house, focusing generally on the special problems of  
19 women addicts and on the problems of African American women; and

20 WHEREAS, A He has continued to give leadership and insight into the movement to  
21 enlighten and change the correctional institution industry in California through his work in  
22 concert with the Bay Area Support Network (BASN) and Walden House Programs at various  
23 prisons throughout California; and

24 WHEREAS, Michael works under extreme difficulties owing to kidney transplant  
25 operation that nearly took his life; and

Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Teng, Leno, Newsom

1           WHEREAS, Michael continues to give ongoing leadership and direction to more than  
2 100 clients on a daily basis and have saved many people from the brink of self destruction  
3 and despair; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
5 commends the exemplary work and life of Mr. Michael Sawyer at Walden; and

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors commends Mr. Sawyer for  
7 assisting and saving countless number of people from despair, violence and self destruction  
8 and leading them towards self acceptance and love, self empowerment, and becoming  
9 responsible and productive citizens committed to empowering and enlightening others.

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### Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution commending Michael Sawyer for his exemplary service to Walden House and for assisting and saving countless number of people from despair, violence and self destruction and leading them towards self acceptance and love, self empowerment, and becoming responsible and productive citizens committed to empowering and enlightening others.

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September 13, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,  
Teng, Yee

Absent: 1 - Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 13, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

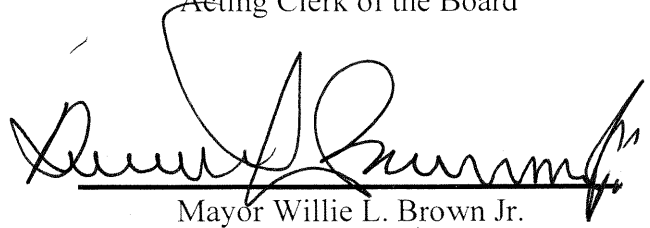


Jean Lum

Acting Clerk of the Board

SEP 22 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.