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[Commending Rainforest Action Network, et al.] COMMENDING RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK AND OTHER GROUPS WHO LED A TWO YEAR CAMPAIGN RESULTING IN A LANDMARK POLICY CHANGE WHICH IS A STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF ELIMINATING SALES OF OLD GROWTH WOOD; HOME DEPOT FOR TAKING FIRST STEPS IN PHASING OUT SALES FOR OLD GROWTH FOREST WOOD; AND ENCOURAGING THE FOREST CERTIFICATION COUNCIL AS DEFINING CERTIFIED WOOD AS NOT COMING FROM OLD GROWTH FORESTS.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adheres to a sustainability policy which discourages the harvesting of old growth forests; and,

WHEREAS, Home Depot is currently the world's largest retailer of old growth wood products; and,

WHEREAS, For the past two years, various advocacy groups, Rainforest spearheaded by Rain Action Network, have lobbied Home Depot to put an end to sales of old growth wood products by demonstrating, working with major institutional shareholders to increase pressure, coordinating a hard-hitting ad campaign, and organizing demonstrations at various Home Depots across the country; and,

WHEREAS, Rain Action Network was joined by a variety of entities in this effort, including Forests Forever, Forest Action Network, Rainforest Relief, Student Environmental Action Coalition, Free the Planet, Sierra Student Coalition, Action Resource Center, American Lands Alliance, Sierra Club, Greenpeace, Natural Resources Defense Council, Earth Culture, and many others; and,

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WHEREAS, As of the end of August, Home Depot has committed to join the ranks of other leading companies around the world by agreeing to phase out sales of old growth wood, only using wood certified by the Forest Certification Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends
Rainforest Action Network and others who led the campaign to stop
Home Depot from selling old growth lumber and Home Depot for taking
the first step in phasing out such sales; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages the Forest Certification Council to define certified wood as not coming from old growth forests; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to all of the parties named herein.

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Resolution

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Resolution commending Rainforest Action Network and other groups who led a two year campaign resulting in a landmark policy change which is a step in the direction of eliminating sales of old growth wood; Home Depot for taking steps in phasing out sales for old growth forest wood; and encouraging the Forest Certification Council as defining certified wood as not coming from old growth forests.

September 21, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 21, 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.