

1 [Tune In To KPFA Day]

2 **PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 24, 1999 AS "TUNE IN TO KPFA DAY" AND FURTHER**  
3 **URGING THE PACIFICA FOUNDATION TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF KPFA**  
4 **RADIO TO KPFA STAFF AND ITS LISTENERS**

5 WHEREAS, For over 50 years, KPFA has been a bastion and stalwart defender of free  
6 speech and independent journalism, ever unwavering in providing critical balance to  
7 commercial media outlets; and

8 WHEREAS, KPFA, is the oldest community-owned radio station in the nation, is  
9 exclusively supported by listener donations since 1949 and does not receive any funding  
10 contingent on broadcasting its sponsors' advertisements; and

11 WHEREAS, KPFA is committed to democracy and fulfilling the expectations of its  
12 listeners by seeking the input of its local advisory board, a body that is representative of  
13 KPFA's diverse local listener community; and

14 WHEREAS, By providing a forum for those who have been excluded from mainstream  
15 media outlets, KPFA upholds its covenant of free speech and fulfills its listener community's  
16 mandate for providing diverse perspectives on issues vital to a well-informed public committed  
17 to democracy and social justice; and

18 WHEREAS, KPFA has lately been threatened by the Pacifica Foundation actions  
19 overriding the local listener community decision making process and its commitment to  
20 democracy; and

21 WHEREAS, Pacifica's actions have resulted in a take over of KPFA that has been  
22 marked by censorship, the firing of staff members, the misappropriation of listener donated  
23 funds to hire security guards and a public relations firm, and the harassment and arrest of  
24 countless members of the listener community; and

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Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Newsom

1           WHEREAS, The Pacifica Foundation has been researching the possibility of selling  
2 KPFA to gain revenue for its own purposes, an act that would result in the loss of the greatest  
3 asset for peace and justice-related broadcasting in the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
5 hereby proclaims October 24, 1999 as "Tune in to KPFA Day" as a day to celebrate the  
6 preservation of free speech, community sponsored radio in the San Francisco Bay Area; and  
7 let it be

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Pacifica Foundation  
9 to quickly restore democratic control of KPFA Radio to KPFA staff and its listeners.

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**SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 991976

**Date Passed:**

Resolution proclaiming October 24, 1999 as "Tune In to KPFA Day" and further urging the Pacifica Foundation to restore democratic control of KPFA Radio to KPFA staff and its listeners.

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October 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

Absent: 1 - Becerril

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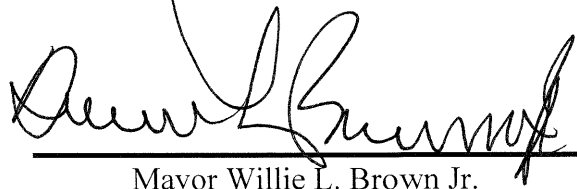
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 25, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.