

1 [Support Clinton Initiative for Public Awareness of Japanese Internment]

2 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE TO INCREASE PUBLIC
3 AWARENESS OF THE INCARCERATION OF 120,000 AMERICANS OF JAPANESE
4 ANCESTRY AND TO PRESERVE THE INTERNMENT CAMPS OF WORLD WAR II

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6 WHEREAS, On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive
7 Order 9066, pursuant to which 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry,
8 many of whom were California citizens, were incarcerated in internment camps during World
9 War II; and

10 WHEREAS, These 120,000 citizens experienced a great human cost of abandoned
11 homes, businesses, careers, education, professional advancement and disruption of culture
12 and family; and

13 WHEREAS, On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Civil
14 Liberties Act of 1988 finding that Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity,
15 hence caused by racial prejudice, was hysteria, and a failure of political leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 committed to increasing public awareness
17 of this grave mistake by the federal government so that future generations will not experience
18 the failure of political leadership in times of adversity; and

19 WHEREAS, The White House Administration is proposing a \$4.8 million in the Federal
20 Year 2001 Budget to construct a new visitor center at the Manzanar National Historic Site in
21 California, to acquire and preserve other former internment camp locations in Wyoming, Utah,
22 Idaho, and Arkansas, and begin a National Park Service study of other locations that have
23 historical significance, including the internment camp site at Tule Lake, California; and

24 WHEREAS, This national investment will serve as a permanent reminder and living
25 education centers of Executive Order 9066, a policy of grave injustice against American
citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, without review or evidence against them,

1 and will educate Americans and other visitors on this dark chapter in our nation's history so
2 that this civil wrong will never occur again; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 supports this investment of the Federal Year 2001 Budget to educate Americans of this grave
5 injustice on our Nations history; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board transmit a copy of this resolution to the
7 President of the United States and to the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the U.S.
8 Senate and House of Representatives.
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Resolution in support of the White House initiative to increase public awareness of the incarceration of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and to preserve the internment camps of World War II.

April 24, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Teng, Yaki
Absent: 1 - Yee

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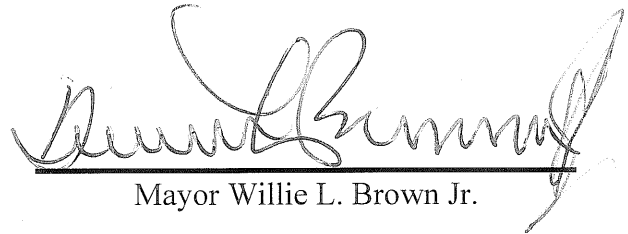
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 24, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.