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11 **countries.**

12 WHEREAS, Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune  
13 deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is the leading killer in sub-Saharan Africa, home to 10 percent of  
14 the world's population but 70 percent of the world's HIV and AIDS cases, and the United  
15 Nations reports that in 1998, alone, more than 2,000,000 people in Africa died of HIV and  
16 AIDS; and

17 WHEREAS, A recent study by Doctors Without Borders concluded that, in  
18 industrialized countries where HIV and AIDS patients can afford to pay for drug therapy,  
19 AIDS-related mortality has decreased by more than 70 percent; and,

20 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, these life-prolonging treatments remain largely out of reach  
21 for most of Africa's population due to the high prices of these drugs; and,

22 WHEREAS, Certain companies' reaction to the HIV and AIDS epidemic in developing  
23 countries has been insufficient and significant restrictions have been imposed on the donation  
24 of critical drugs to HIV and AIDS patients in South Africa; and,

1           WHEREAS, For example, Pfizer attempted to impose time limits on the use of  
2 fluconazole, a drug used to treat potentially fatal fungal infections and a type of meningitis  
3 common among HIV and AIDS patients, even though fluconazole must be used over a  
4 patient's entire lifetime; these restrictions were unacceptable to the South African  
5 Government and the South African Medicines Control Council has recently given permission  
6 for the importation of a generic equivalent of fluconazole; and,

7           WHEREAS, The California Public Employees' Retirement System has invested nearly  
8 6 billion dollars in the major manufacturers of HIV and AIDS drug treatments that can prolong  
9 the lives of individuals living with this disease; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the  
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15 and AIDS in less developed countries.



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## Resolution

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June 18, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

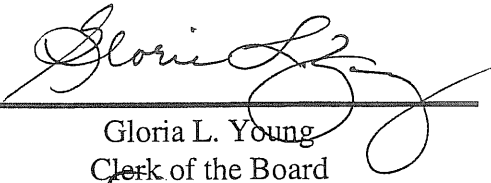
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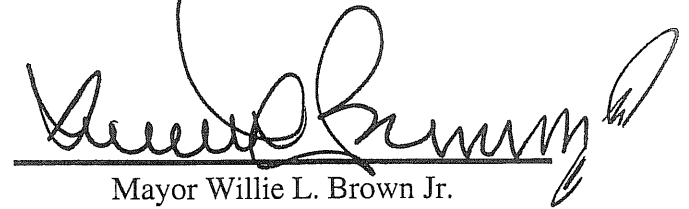
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 18, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUN 29 2001

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.