

1 **[Commending the African American Tobacco Free Project and the Fabulous Forty for**
2 **their work on tobacco control]**

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4 **Resolution commending the San Francisco African American Tobacco Free Project**
5 **(SFAATFP) and the forty African American religious institutions representing Bay Area**
6 **churches, temples, and mosques (hereinafter referred to as the "Fabulous Forty"), for**
7 **their endless effort to free their community from the deadly grasp of nicotine addiction,**
8 **and their decision not to accept any funding from tobacco companies.**

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10 WHEREAS, tobacco-related deaths continue to be the number one cause for African
11 Americans, claiming 40,000 lives a year; and

12 WHEREAS, tobacco-related deaths claim more lives than violence, AIDS, car
13 accidents, and (non-tobacco-related) cancer COMBINED; and,

14 WHEREAS, the Tobacco Industry continues to spend million of dollars annually on
15 advertising that specifically targets the African American community; and,

16 WHEREAS, the Tobacco Industry seeks to legitimize the death and destruction it reeks
17 on our community by sponsoring church activities, cultural events, scholarships, and other
18 self-serving philanthropic causes. This sponsorship and funding buys silence in communities
19 of color who disproportionately share death and disability from tobacco products; and,

20 WHEREAS, in 1994, over 4,000 pages of secret documents were unfolded in
21 Congress, proving that as early as 1950 the Tobacco Industry knew that smoking (tobacco)
22 caused cancer and that "nicotine was addictive"; and,

23 WHEREAS, the Tobacco Industry spends over \$638 million of dollars per year
24 advertising tobacco products; and,

25 WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke triggers asthma in children, and African American

1 children suffer from a disproportionately high rate of asthma; and,

2 WHEREAS, every cigarette smoked has more than 4,000 chemicals. These same
3 chemicals are found in car exhaust, nail polish, window cleaners; and,

4 WHEREAS, 29.6 million cigarettes, are illegally sold to youth in California each year;
5 and,

6 WHEREAS, each year, 106,000 children under the age of 18 become daily smokers;
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco commends the San Francisco
9 African American Tobacco Free Project (SFAATFP) and the Fabulous Forty, for their endless
10 efforts to free their community from the deadly grasp of nicotine addiction by supporting
11 tobacco control activities, adopting smoke-free policies, and continuing to be a force against
12 the Tobacco Industry.

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco pledges to work with
14 the San Francisco African American Tobacco Free Project (SFAATFP) and the "Fabulous
15 Forty", to safeguard the interests of all San Franciscans from the Tobacco Industry by
16 maintaining adequate funding levels for tobacco control activities, continuing to view tobacco
17 as a global issue, and continuing to enact and enforce comprehensive tobacco control
18 measures.



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Resolution

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February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Peskin,
Sandoval

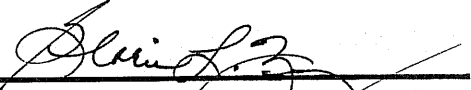
Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yee

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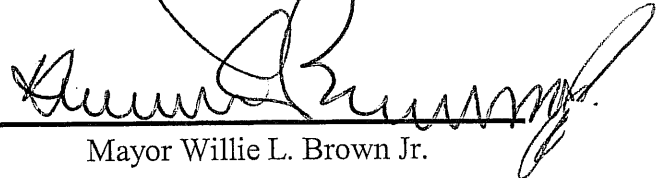
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 26, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.