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[Proclamation of Latino Disability Awareness Week]

Resolution proclaiming July 23rd through July 27th, 2001 Disability Awareness Week for Latinos.

WHEREAS, One-fifth of all Americans face some type of disability; and,

WHEREAS, Of the over 100,000 Latinos living in San Francisco, more than 22,000 have some type of disability; and,

WHEREAS. San Francisco's citizens with disabilities are an important and integral part of our community, making a significant contribution to the growth and progress of this City; and,

WHEREAS, The Latino community in many cases, because of language and cultural barriers, is not aware of the services and programs that are available; and,

WHEREAS, Many Americans living with disabilities, like those living with chronic illnesses or brain injuries due to an accident or stroke, or those living with learning disabilities, substance abuse, asthma, heart disease, or other major illnesses, do not think of themselves as people with disabilities who qualify for services for those with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS. The City of San Francisco is committed to ensuring that our companies and communities are inclusive and free of physical and social barriers; and,

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a comprehensive civil rights act, is important for all disabled people, including the Latino Disabled Community, because it guarantees equal access to all types of services and rights afforded to disabled people; and,

WHEREAS, July 26, 2001 marks the 11th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and,

WHEREAS, A project committee comprised of persons of the Latino Disabled Community, members from the labor and business communities, and Latino Family Day

Treatment, a community based organization part of the Mission Council, has joined the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco to organize other groups and individuals to implement a major education and awareness campaign, "Disability Awareness Week for Latinos", in the Inner and Outer Mission; and,

WHEREAS, This proclamation is necessary to begin to organize the Latino Disabled Community and highlight the positives of that community to continue to promote and achieve diversity in the Disabled Community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, joined by the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco, proclaims the week of July 23rd through July 27th, 2001 Disability Awareness Week for Latinos.



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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 11, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUN 2, 1 2001

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board