

1 [Urging Governor Schwarzenegger to grant parole to Flozelle Woodmore]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Schwarzenegger to follow the Parole Board's**  
4 **recommendation to grant parole to Flozelle Woodmore.**

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6 WHEREAS, Flozelle Woodmore was 13 years old when she began a relationship with  
7 an abusive man who raped, burned, and beat her over a five-year period; and

8 WHEREAS, At the age of 18, Woodmore killed her abuser after he threatened to kill  
9 her and their son; and

10 WHEREAS, At the time of the incident, evidence about domestic violence, known as  
11 the "battered woman syndrome," was not recognized as a defense, and was never introduced  
12 in her case; and

13 WHEREAS, Woodmore plead guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to  
14 fifteen years to life in prison; and

15 WHEREAS, The Parole Board recommends release for less than 5% of eligible  
16 prisoners service life sentences; and

17 WHEREAS, The Parole Board members are appointed by the Governor; and

18 WHEREAS, Woodmore has earned her GED, learned three vocational trades, and  
19 mentors other battered women who need support; and

20 WHEREAS, Woodmore has served nearly 20 years in prison and has been  
21 recommended for release by the Parole Board every year for the last five years; and

22 WHEREAS, The Parole Board unanimously determined that Woodmore would not  
23 pose a risk to public safety if she was released based on her history of being abused, her  
24 many accomplishments in prison, her widespread community support, and her lengthy  
25 disciplinary-free record in prison; and

1           WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger has refused to grant parole to Woodmore five  
2 times; and

3           WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger recently called a special legislative session to  
4 discuss reforms to the California prison system, including proposals to enhance rehabilitation  
5 and re-entry programs; and

6           WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Defender, Jeff Adachi, has been instrumental in  
7 raising awareness about Woodmore's case; now, therefore be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
9 urges Governor Schwarzenegger to grant parole to Flozelle Woodmore; and be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and our  
11 representatives in Sacramento to re-commit themselves to reforming the California prison  
12 system so that it focuses on rehabilitating prisoners and helping them to successfully re-enter  
13 society upon their release.



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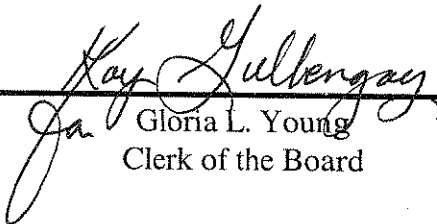
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October 3, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 3, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

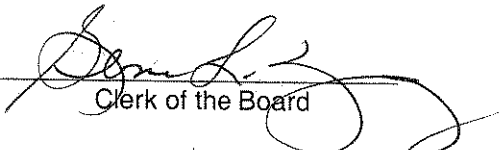
  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

10/13/06  
Date Approved

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: October 13, 2006

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
Clerk of the Board

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