RESOLUTION NO. 93-00

FILE NO. 000161

[Commendation]

COMMENDING THE FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GRANTS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Friends of Recreation and Parks (FRIENDS) is a nonprofit organization committed to protecting and enhancing San Francisco's parks; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1971, FRIENDS has raised millions of dollars to benefit parks throughout the City; and,

WHEREAS, Accomplishments of FRIENDS include revitalization of Golden Gate Park's West End, planting of tens of thousands of trees and shrubs, opening of Golden Gate Park's first Visitor Center in the Beach Chalet and rehabilitation of the Conservatory of Flowers; and,

WHEREAS, Goals of FRIENDS include fostering a sense of stewardship among private citizens, creating an awareness of what it takes to maintain a healthy park system, and enabling neighborhood groups and civic entities to undertake park projects; and,

WHEREAS, To further these goals, FRIENDS created the Neighborhood Park Grants (NPG) program to provide matching funds and technical assistance to neighborhood groups undertaking improvements to their local parks; and,

WHEREAS, Grants of \$1,000 to \$10,000 are available for special projects, programs, events or physical improvements through NPG; and,

WHEREAS, Projects that are funded through NPG must create an enhancement for a neighborhood park, must include a cash or in-kind

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match, and should serve as a model of collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Recreation and Park; and,

WHEREAS, NPG helps improve parks that do not attract a lot of attention and funds small projects and improvements that may not be eligible for City funding; and,

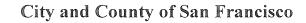
WHEREAS, Since 1996, FRIENDS has awarded \$175,000 in grants to San Francisco's neighborhood parks; and,

WHEREAS, Examples of Neighborhood Park Grants include a kiosk for Palega Park and Recreation Center, mural restoration at Juri Commons, computer equipment for a latchkey program at Joseph Lee Recreation Center, and citywide support for a drop-in girls' soccer league; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Friends of Recreation and Parks for preserving and improving City parkland through the Neighborhood Park Grants Program; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Friends of Recreation and Parks for fostering community involvement and commitment to local parks through their Neighborhood Park Grants Program.

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Resolution commending the Friends of Recreation and Parks for their neighborhood park grants program.

January 31, 2000 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 31, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved