

1 [Urging Governor Gray Davis, the California State Senate, and California State Assembly to
2 fund the Naturalization Services Program at originally appropriated levels for both the 2001-
3 2002 and the 2002-2003 fiscal years

4 **Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis, the California State Senate, and California**
5 **State Assembly to fund the Naturalization Services Program at originally appropriated**
6 **levels for the both the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 fiscal years.**

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8 WHEREAS, The California Naturalization Services Program provides essential
9 services to residents of the City and County of San Francisco seeking to attain United States
10 citizenship; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Naturalization Services Program provides funding to local
13 governments and community-based organizations to assist legal immigrants in navigating the
14 INS system and submitting completed application packages through the provision of free
15 services such as intake and assessment to determine eligibility for citizenship, assistance in
16 interview preparation, advocacy with the INS, translation services, and referral to English as a
17 Second-Language and citizenship classes; and,

18 WHEREAS, United States citizenship reinforces an individual's commitment to this
19 country, strengthens the social fabric of the community, is a prerequisite to the full
20 empowerment of all residents, and is an indispensable element of the democratic process;
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, United States citizenship provides access to basic educational, legal,
23 vocational, and economic opportunities otherwise unavailable to residents; and,

24 WHEREAS, In the wake of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, United States
25 citizenship has become necessary to preserve fundamental rights of due process, as well as

1 to ensure the continuity of employment for federal employees, including workers at San
2 Francisco International Airport; and,

3 WHEREAS, Since the 1998-99 fiscal year, the California Department of Community
4 Services and Development has provided grants annually to organizations that provide
5 naturalization assistance services including a total statewide allocation of \$6.5 million and an
6 allocation of \$334,620 for the City and County of San Francisco originally approved for the
7 2001-2002 fiscal year; and,

8 WHEREAS, In November, 2001, Governor Davis proposed drastically reducing total
9 statewide funding for the Naturalization Services Program from \$6.5 million to \$2 million for
10 the 2001-2002 fiscal year; and,

11 WHEREAS, Reduced funding for the Naturalization Services Program would result in
12 fewer of the residents of the City and County of San Francisco and the State of California
13 becoming United States citizens; and,

14 WHEREAS, A decreased rate of naturalization in California would result in an
15 economic drain to the State's finances due to decreased employment and increased reliance
16 on State programs by individuals who with citizenship would be eligible for federal assistance;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Governor Gray Davis,
19 the California State Senate, and the California State Assembly to ensure that the
20 Naturalization Services Program is funded in full as originally appropriated for both the 2001-
21 2002 and the 2002-2003 fiscal years.



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January 22, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,
Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 1 - Maxwell

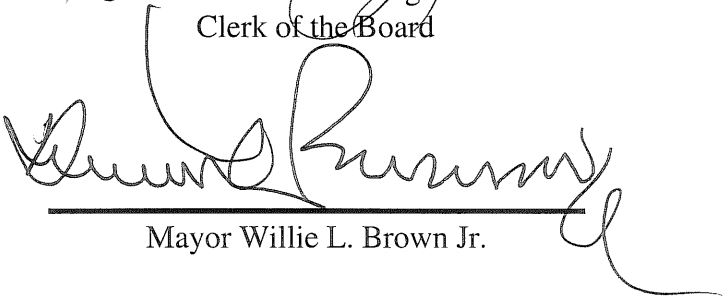
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 22, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.