

1 [Heritage Tree Preservation Act of 2002.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Heritage Tree Preservation Act of 2002 and urging San**
4 **Franciscans and Californians to sign petitions to place this initiative on the November**
5 **2002 state ballot.**

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7 WHEREAS, 97% of California's original old-growth forests have been cut down; and
8 WHEREAS, Currently, no state or federal statute bans the cutting of most old-growth
9 trees in the State of California; and

10 WHEREAS, California's remaining old-growth trees are a unique natural treasure,
11 which includes the tallest, largest, and some of the oldest living things on Earth, some living to
12 be thousands of years old; and

13 WHEREAS, Numerous threatened and endangered species depend upon ancient and
14 old-growth trees for their survival; and

15 WHEREAS, Old-growth trees and mature forests store more carbon, a component of
16 the "greenhouse gas" carbon dioxide, than young trees and tree plantations do, some
17 sequestering more carbon than any other forest type on Earth, lessening global warming from
18 industrial and other emissions; and

19 WHEREAS, Most of California's surface water originates in forested areas; and

20 WHEREAS, Individual old-growth trees are building blocks for restoring natural forest
21 structure and maintaining ecological diversity; and

22 WHEREAS, People from all over the world come to California to see our heritage of
23 ancient trees which benefits the economy of California; and

24 WHEREAS, The loss of old-growth trees has a "significant effect on the environment"
25 as defined in California Public Resource Code, Section 21068; and

1 WHEREAS, The preservation and maintenance of old-growth trees, native vegetation
2 and wildlife provides a biologic reserve, and benefits the biologic diversity, resilience, and
3 productivity of forestlands; and

4 WHEREAS, The risk of severe fires is increased by removing large, fire-resistant, old-
5 growth trees from the forest which shade out flammable undergrowth and preserve moisture
6 in the forest; and

7 WHEREAS, The preservation of heritage trees, heritage tree buffer zones, and biologic
8 reserves is a “compatible use” as defined in Government Code Section 51104 (h); and,

9 WHEREAS, A Citizen’s Campaign for Old Growth Preservation is conducting a petition
10 drive to place on the ballot before the voters in November, 2002, an initiative to protect
11 California’s old growth forests, now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That The Board of Supervisors supports this initiative and that The Board
13 of Supervisors urges all San Franciscans and Californians to sign this petition to submit this
14 initiative to a vote of the people; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors forward a copy of
16 this resolution to Citizen’s Campaign for Old Growth Preservation, PO Box 17456, Los
17 Angeles CA 90017-0456.

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April 15, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

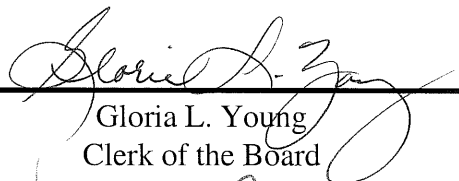
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 15, 2002 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.