

[Condemning Homophobia in Zimbabwe]

CONDEMNING THE HOMOPHOBIC AND REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE IN ZIMBABWE AND EXPRESSING SAN FRANCISCO'S SUPPORT FOR THE GAYS AND LESBIANS OF ZIMBABWE (GALZ) AND THEIR DROP-IN CENTER.

WHEREAS, President Robert Mugabe and his government in Zimbabwe continue to attack lesbians and gays, openly denouncing homosexuality as un-African; and

WHEREAS, President Mugabe recently stated in Namibia that all people in Zimbabwe have rights – except lesbians and gays; and,

WHEREAS, President Mugabe's call to the Zimbabwean state-run media to report negatively on the issue of homosexuality has resulted in a renewed and vigorous smear campaign by the press, including daily reports of sodomy trials in which gay men are humiliated and slandered; and,

WHEREAS, Such government and media activities breed an atmosphere that encourages violence and discrimination against lesbians and gays; and

WHEREAS, Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) is an organization that provides support to the lesbian/gay community in Zimbabwe and offers one of the few safe havens for community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby condemns President Mugabe and his homophobic government in Zimbabwe and expresses its support for Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) for its pioneering work advocating for the rights of the gay and lesbian community in Zimbabwe.

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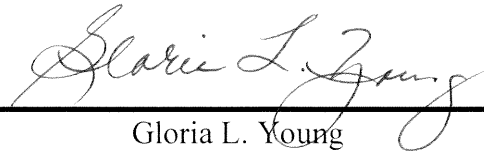
Resolution condemning the homophobic and repressive government of President Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe and expressing San Francisco's support for the Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) and their drop-in center.

November 9, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

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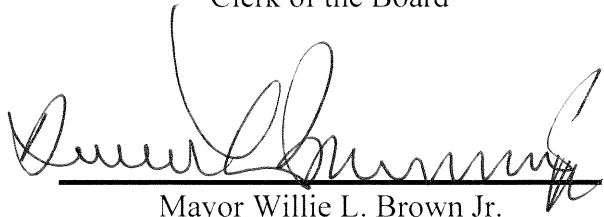
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 9, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.