

1 [Commending the Congregation Sha'ar Zahav]

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3 **Resolution commending Congregation Sha'ar Zahav on 25 years of outstanding**
4 **service to the Jewish community and the residents of San Francisco.**

5 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1977, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has made a
6 significant mark on the Jewish community in the San Francisco Bay Area, nationally, and
7 around the world; and,

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9 WHEREAS, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has changed the definition of community to
10 include gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, non-gay, Jews of color and Jews-by-choice,
11 together celebrating and rejoicing in Jewish liturgy and culture; and,

12 WHEREAS, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav numbers over 400 households, consisting of
13 more than 500 adults and 150 children, serving more than 1,000 Jews at High Holy Day
14 Services; and,

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16 WHEREAS, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav provides for the education of their youth in
17 Shabbat morning classes and Hebrew language classes in Kadimah, Sha'ar Zahav's religious
18 school; and,

19 WHEREAS, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav supports many activities in the Jewish,
20 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities, the Mission District and the wider Bay Area
21 including: collecting non-perishable goods for the San Francisco Food Bank, delivering meals
22 for Project Open hand, participating in the Ron Wilmot Bike Ride for Project Inform,
23 beautifying the AIDS Memorial Grove, participating in the annual "Sukkot in April" effort,
24 participating in the annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Freedom Day Parade,
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1 building houses with Habitat for Humanity, serving meals to the residents of neighborhood
2 shelters, participating in the annual Jewish Community Federation Campaign, adopting a
3 Covenant of Sanctuary, participating in Israel Independence Day, serving on boards of local
4 and national Jewish gay and AIDS agencies, and many more community service efforts; and,

5 WHEREAS, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav publishes The Jewish Gaily Forward, a prize-
6 winning monthly newsletter that is a model for the Reform congregations across the nation;
7 and,
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9 WHEREAS, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is currently celebrating its 25 year anniversary
10 of being a major force in the re-shaping of modern Jewish understanding in the San Francisco
11 community and around the world; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 commends Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for twenty-five years of outstanding leadership and
14 contribution to the Jewish, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities of San
15 Francisco.
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Resolution

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June 17, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

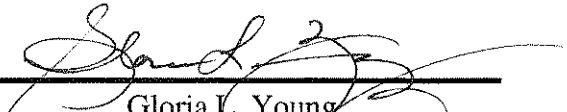
Ayes: 8 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Newsom

Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

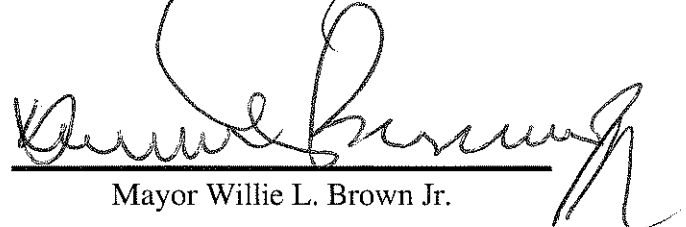
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 17, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JUN 27 2003

Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.