

1 [Domestic Violence State Senate Bill 218]
2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO APPROVE
3 STATE SENATE BILL 218, ENHANCING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
4 VIOLENCE AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS.

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6 WHEREAS, According to United States Department of Justice, a
7 woman is battered every 12 seconds and 4 million women require police
8 or medical help every year across the country because they are
9 victims of domestic violence; and,

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department gets close to
11 10,000 domestic violence calls annually; and,

12 WHEREAS, In 1997-1998, the San Francisco Commission on the
13 Status of Women's domestic violence programs provided services to
14 2,300 women who spoke languages other than English, 14% of the total
15 number of women served during that time period; and,

16 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 218, introduced by Senator Hilda Solis,
17 changes existing law to allow courts to issue unofficial translations
18 of domestic violence court orders or documents in a language other
19 than English and requires the Judicial Council to make specified
20 court orders and forms relating to domestic violence available in
21 other languages by July 1, 2001; and,

22 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 218 requires courts to order restrained
23 batterers to participate in a batterer's treatment program that has
24 been approved by the probation department; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 218 requires courts to order restrained
2 batterers to relinquish any firearm in that person's immediate
3 possession or control without having to prove that the person is
4 likely to use the firearm; and,

5 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 218 provides additional protections to
6 victims of domestic violence including, but not limited to: extending
7 the life of an advisory council that oversees administration of a
8 grant program to battered women's shelters; punishing as contempt of
9 court, the willful disobedience of a court order made at the request
10 of a person alleging domestic violence; increasing the punishment for
11 repeat domestic violence offenders; making a knowing violation of a
12 protective order issued by another state a crime in California;
13 requiring peace officers to arrest batterers who are subject to a
14 restraining order, when they respond to a call alleging a violation
15 of the order and have probable cause to believe the person is
16 violating the order; authorizing disclosure of privileged information
17 to a domestic violence death review team to assist local agencies in
18 identifying and reviewing domestic violence deaths; now, therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses
21 Senate Bill 218, and urges the state legislature and Governor to
22 approve the bill; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
24 his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the
25 delegation from San Francisco in the State Legislature, as well as

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1 Governor Davis, with a request that they take all action necessary to
2 pass Senate Bill 218.

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Resolution

File Number: 990698

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve State Senate Bill 218, enhancing protections for victims of domestic violence and increasing penalties for offenders.

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 19, 1999 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.