

1 [Urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors]

2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT
3 ASSEMBLY BILL 132 WHICH EXEMPTS HAIR BRAIDERS WHO DO NOT USE
4 CHEMICALS FROM REQUIRED LICENSING FROM THE CALIFORNIA
5 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

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7 WHEREAS, Hair braiding is a cultural and spiritual practice that has been
8 performed in African and African American communities for hundreds of years;
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10 WHEREAS, This alternative hairstyle is worn both for its inherent beauty
11 and for its practicality; and,

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13 WHEREAS, Hair braiding is one of the few cornerstones of the African
14 tradition that African Americans were able to retain once they were brought to
15 the United States; and,

16 WHEREAS, The California Department of Consumer Affairs has
17 determined that Natural Hair Braiders who do not use chemicals must obtain a
18 Cosmetology license to conduct business in California; and,

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20 WHEREAS, The practice of Cosmetology includes dying/coloring,
21 eyebrow arching, curling, permanent waving, cosmetics, massaging and
22 manicuring and none of these elements include the practice of Natural Hair
23 Braiding; and,

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25 Supervisors Brown, Bierman

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2 WHEREAS, Cosmetologists are required to attend 1,600 hours of beauty
3 school training and spend up to \$9,000 for tuition and Hair Braiding techniques
4 are not even taught in California beauty schools; and,

5 WHEREAS, The practice of Hair Braiding does not constitute public harm
6 and should not be deemed a crime; and,

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8 WHEREAS, Practicing Hair Braiding without a license may be charged as
9 a misdemeanor and fined up to \$500 for the first offense; and,

10 WHEREAS, Hair Braiders are predominantly African and African
11 American and thus, the enforcement of the current law disparately impacts this
12 group; and,

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14 WHEREAS, The increased enforcement of the current law threatens
15 growth, limits opportunities and constructs barriers towards self-sufficiency for a
16 select group of citizens; and,

17 WHEREAS, Seven states have adopted similar legislation to exempt
18 Natural Hair Braiders from Cosmetology licensing requirements including,
19 Florida, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Washington,
20 D.C.; and,

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22 WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Carol Migden has introduced Assembly Bill
23 132 to exempt Natural Hair Braiders from cosmetology licensure for stylists who
24 do not apply dyes or reactive chemicals; now, therefore, be it
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2 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is hereby
3 urged to support Assembly Bill 132 which exempts Natural Hair
4 Braiders who do not use chemicals from required licensing from the California
5 Department of Consumer Affairs.
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City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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File Number: 990450

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support Assembly Bill 132 which exempts hair braiders who do not use chemicals from required licensing from the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

March 15, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Brown, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee

Absent: 5 - Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki

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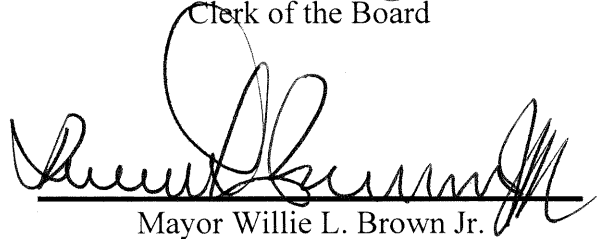
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on March 15, 1999 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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