

[Urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to Declare San Francisco an Abuse Free Zone]

**Resolution Urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to establish San Francisco as an Abuse Free Zone**

WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Justice, every 12 seconds a woman is beaten; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department receives approximately 9,500 domestic violence calls annually; and,

WHEREAS, According to the American Medical Association, nearly one-fourth of American women will be abused by a current or former partner at some point in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic violence and child abuse does not distinguish between class, culture, age, gender, sexuality, or locality; and,

WHEREAS, The Gender, Violence, and Resource Access Survey of transgender and inter-sex individuals, found that 50% of respondents had been raped or assaulted by a romantic partner, although only 62% of those raped or assaulted identified themselves as survivors of domestic violence when explicitly asked; and,

WHEREAS, Community United Against Violence (CUAV) estimates that for every police incident report on gay men's domestic violence that CUAV receives, there are between 10 and 20 incidents that go unreported; and,

WHEREAS, According to a report by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, violence in same sex relationships occurs at the same rate as in heterosexual relationships; and,

1           WHEREAS, In a study conducted by National Violence Against Women Prevention  
2 Research Center at the University of Missouri at St. Louis it was reported that about 17-45%  
3 of lesbians reported having been the victim of a least one act of physical violence perpetrated  
4 by a lesbian partner; and,

5           WHEREAS, The executive summary of the National Domestic Violence Media  
6 Campaign stated that children who witness domestic violence are 5 times more likely to  
7 become batterers or victims in their adulthood; and,

8           WHEREAS, From 1993-1998, women ages 16 to 24 experienced the highest per  
9 capita rates of intimate violence stated in the Bureau of Justice Statistics, May 2000; and,

10          WHEREAS, According to the Domestic Violence Project and the American Medical  
11 Association, at least 70% of men who batter their wives sexually or physically abuse their  
12 children; and,

13          WHEREAS, Stated in the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics  
14 joint report, domestic violence often does not consist of a single incident; it is instead a  
15 continual state of victimization; and,

16          WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco need to acknowledge and address  
17 the effects of abuse and must respond to this crisis; therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco  
19 Board of Supervisors to declare San Francisco as an Abuse Free Zone.  
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Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

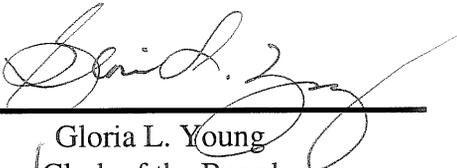
Absent: 3 - Hall, Leno, Yee

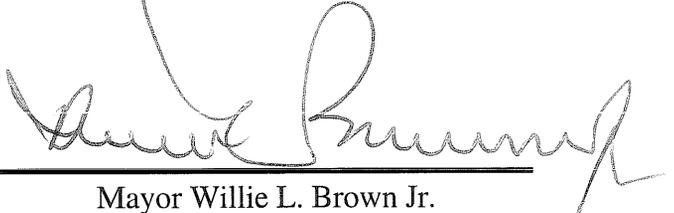
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 18, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.