

1 [Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Works Progress Administration]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Works Progress Administration**  
4 **on April 10, 2010.**  
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6 WHEREAS, 75 years ago, on April 8, 1935, Congress passed legislation creating the  
7 largest public works program in U.S. history. The Works Progress Administration (WPA)  
8 created 8.5 million jobs during the Depression of the 1930s; and

9 WHEREAS, Organized labor and all working people and communities need to mark  
10 the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the WPA by telling the government that today's jobless  
11 crisis is as bad as today as it was back then. We need the same kind of bold, sweeping jobs  
12 program that the people demanded in the 1930s; and

13 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated the final months of his life to starting a  
14 movement for the right of all to a job or guaranteed income – and we need that movement  
15 now more than ever; and

16 WHEREAS, What we have now is at best a jobless recovery ... an economy based on  
17 permanent high unemployment and low wages ... a political and economic system that  
18 provides trillions of dollars for Wall Street, and trillions of dollars for war but nothing for large  
19 numbers of workers and the poor, who are facing joblessness, foreclosures, evictions, layoffs,  
20 low wages, hunger and homelessness; and

21 WHEREAS, There are more than 20 million unemployed and underemployed people in  
22 the country today. We need a real WPA-type program that is big enough to ensure that those  
23 who need work get work – work that is socially useful and which pays union wages and  
24 benefits – a real jobs program fully funded by the government; and  
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SUPERVISOR Mar, Campos  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, A national labor/community protest will take place on Saturday, April 10,  
2 2010 in Washington, D.C., commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WPA and demanding  
3 enactment of a similar bold, sweeping public jobs program today; and

4 WHEREAS, The issue of jobs is on the front burner: all it needs is a flame. The April  
5 10<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the WPA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is consistent with the AFL-CIO's 5-point  
6 JOBS Plan. April 10<sup>th</sup> would be a great stepping stone for a possible labor-led Solidarity Day  
7 III march on Washington in the fall of 2010, demanding that a real jobs program like the WPA  
8 be enacted today; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses the April 10, 2010  
10 national demonstration in Washington DC, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WPA,  
11 a part of the largest public works program in history, which created 8.5 million jobs during the  
12 Depression of the 1930s, and demands enactment of a similar bold sweeping jobs program  
13 today.



City and County of San Francisco  
**Tails**  
**Resolution**

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Resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Works Progress Administration on April 10, 2010.

March 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar and Maxwell

Excused: 2 - Alioto-Pier and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/16/2010 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor Gavin Newsom

3-26-10

Date Approved

Date: March 26, 2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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