

1 [Urging Congressional Action on Fort Funston]
2 **Resolution urging San Francisco’s Congressional delegation, including**
3 **Representatives Nancy Pelosi and Tom Lantos, and Senators Barbara Boxer and**
4 **Dianne Feinstein, to investigate the Golden Gate National Recreation Area’s handling**
5 **of the Fort Funston closures and to take action to preserve recreational areas for San**
6 **Franciscans.**

7 WHEREAS, Fort Funston is a unique and beloved recreational park enjoyed by
8 neighbors, dog owners and residents throughout the San Francisco Bay Area; and,

9 WHEREAS, In addition to acres of hiking trails, beaches, ocean view bluffs, and plant
10 and bird habitats, Fort Funston is also the largest off-leash areas for dogs and their owners;
11 and,

12 WHEREAS, Earlier this year, 10 acres of Fort Funston were closed to park users by
13 the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), which has authority over Fort Funston;
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, The GGNRA initiated the closures, purportedly to protect the endangered
16 bank swallows, without justifying the need for such extensive closures, without notifying the
17 City and County of San Francisco, and without the requisite public notice and hearings; and,

18 WHEREAS, In April 2000, a U.S. District Court judge ruled that the National Park
19 Service violated its own rules in unlawfully fencing off 10 acres without public hearings in a
20 manner showing “an intent. . . to railroad through the closure, to maintain secrecy, to unleash
21 the fencing with lightning speed. . . .”; and,

22 WHEREAS, Subsequent to the court ruling, the GGNRA opened up a comment
23 process, then returned with a more restrictive plan of closing 12 acres rather than 10 acres
24 and permanently rather than seasonally; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The GGNRA is a part of the National Park Service which is a branch of
2 the federal Department of Interior; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 hereby urges San Francisco's Congressional delegation, including Representatives Nancy
5 Pelosi and Tom Lantos and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, to investigate the
6 Golden Gate National Recreation Area's handling of the Fort Funston closures and to take
7 action to preserve recreational areas for San Franciscans; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
9 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the members of Congress from San
10 Francisco and the United States Senators from California.



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October 30, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

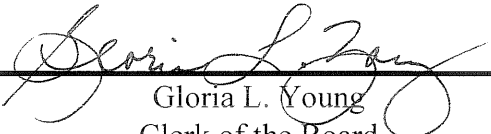
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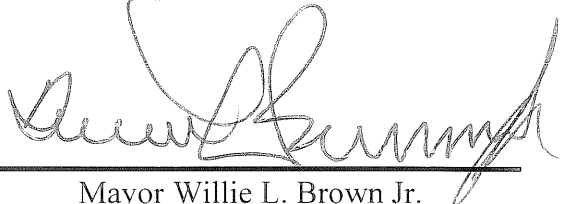
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 30, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.