

1 [Resolution Commending Kym Valadez for 24 Years of Public Service.]

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3 **Resolution commending and expressing appreciation to Kym Valadez, Director of**
4 **Health and Social Services, for her 20 years of dedicated social service on the occasion**
5 **of her retirement from Swords to Plowshares.**

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7 WHEREAS, Kym Valadez began her tenure at Swords to Plowshares as an intern
8 graduate student in social work in 1984, nine years after the end of the Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, Kym Valadez witnessed the emergence of the 'homeless veteran' as a
10 societal catastrophe; and,

11 WHEREAS, In 1986, Kym Valadez helped design and implement San Francisco's first
12 non-profit mental health and social service contract for veterans with the Department of Public
13 Health; and,

14 WHEREAS, Kym Valadez, as director of Swords to Plowshares Health and Human
15 Services program, implemented one of the first veteran specific drop-in programs in the
16 nation; and,

17 WHEREAS, Kym Valadez's quiet steady leadership has operated the drop-in program
18 at Swords to Plowshares; and,

19 WHEREAS, Kym Valadez has worked with the Veterans Administration bringing to
20 their attention the needs of the homeless veteran; and,

21 WHEREAS, In 1987, under Mayor Diane Feinstein, Kym Valadez was an original
22 member of the Homeless Service Provider's Network; and,

23 WHEREAS, In 1988, Kym Valadez co-ran the first supportive housing program for the
24 chronically homeless known as the 16th Street Hotel; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Since 1992, Kym Valadez has chaired the Homeless Service Providers
2 Network; and,

3 WHEREAS, In 1995, Kym Valadez was appointed to Mayor Frank Jordan's task force
4 designed to be San Francisco's first comprehensive homeless plan, the Continuum of Care;
5 and,

6 WHEREAS, For the past 24 years, Kym Valadez has been promoting the rights of
7 veterans and educating communities, schools, health providers and politicians on the issues
8 of homeless veterans issues; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 hereby commends Kym Valadez for her outstanding accomplishments in advocating for the
11 rights of homeless veterans in our community and nation, and expresses appreciation for her
12 many contributions and a sincere wish for success in her future endeavors.

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December 7, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma,
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

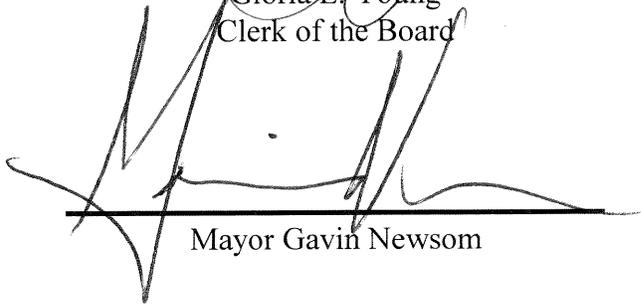
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 7, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Dec. 14, 2004

Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Gavin Newsom