

1 [Supporting Global Women's Strike and International Women's Day]

2 **RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS WOMEN HAVE MADE TO SAN**
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4 **MILLENNIUM WHICH VALUES ALL WOMEN'S WORK AND WOMEN'S LIVES AND**
5 **FURTHER URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS THE**
6 **CONGRESS AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT**
7 **AND PASS LEGISLATION DESIGNATING MARCH 8TH AS A PAID PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN**
8 **HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.**

9 WHEREAS, International Women's Day began on March 8, 1907 when women
10 garment workers of New York went on strike for a living wage and a 10-hour day; and

11 WHEREAS, On March 8, 1908, women needle-workers of New York went on strike to
12 end sweatshops and child labor and from then on March 8th became marked as a date to
13 inspire women worldwide in their fight for equality and social justice; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1978, March 8th was officially recognized by the United Nations as
15 International Women's Day; and

16 WHEREAS, Women all over the world have take up the call by women in Ireland for
17 Strike on International Women's Day on March 8th, 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, The Global Women's Strike will focus on women's enormous contribution
19 to every sector of society and economy and women in San Francisco will highlight their
20 contributions both wage labor and unpaid work to the economy of San Francisco and press for
21 money and resources owed for their work; and

22 WHEREAS, Women comprise half of the world's population and look after the majority
23 of the world's population yet most of the work performed by women is not paid and their work
24 is neither given due recognition nor valued; and

25 Supervisors Ammiano, Brown, Katz, Yaki, Bierman, Tent

1 WHEREAS, Women grow 50-80% of food and produce breastmilk upon which much of
2 the world is dependent for survival, yet are not considered workers or farmers; and

3 WHEREAS, Women's yearly unpaid contribution to society is estimated to be at least
4 \$11 trillion; and

5 WHEREAS, Women and girls perform at least 60% of the world's work for 5% of the
6 income and half of women's work is non-wage work; and

7 WHEREAS, Lack of economic equality and social recognition for the work that women
8 perform is a form sexist injustice which devalues women and the important work they do and
9 this often causes women to be segregated into low paying unskilled and service jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the world's industrialized countries, the United States has the
11 highest proportion of women living in poverty in which 60% of the US population living below
12 poverty line are women with dependent children; and

13 WHEREAS, White women's average full-time weekly earnings are 73% of white men's,
14 for African-American women it is 63% of white men's wages, for Latinas, it is 53% and the
15 lowest figures are found amongst women with disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, According to leading economists and labor experts, "welfare reform" has
17 widened the gap and the global market has lowered wages internationally; and

18 WHEREAS, After retirement, women with pensions receive 53% of what men receive
19 while some women have no pension; and

20 WHEREAS, Social and economic discrimination causes women to be more prone than
21 men to suffer from depression, low self-esteem and other psychological and physiological
22 ailments and diseases; and

23 WHEREAS, \$700 billion annually is spent on military budgets worldwide while less than
24 \$20 billion is spend on essentials of life important to women and their families such as access
25 to clean water, health, sanitation and basic education; and

1 WHEREAS, Women have a right to pay and job equity, affordable housing and
2 accessible transportation, recognition for caring work within and outside of the family,
3 affordable healthcare including alternative and traditional healthcare options, low-cost organic
4 food which is not genetically modified, protection against all violence at home, in the
5 workplace and on the streets; now therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 hereby recognizes the significant contributions women have made to San Francisco and
8 supports the Global Women's Strike for a New Millennium which values all women's work and
9 women's lives, and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the President of the
11 United States as well as the Congress and House of Representatives of the United States to
12 enact and pass legislation to designate March 8th a paid public holiday in honor of International
13 Women's Day.

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Resolution

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Resolution recognizing the significant contributions women have made to San Francisco and supporting the Global Women's Strike for a new millennium which values all women's work and women's lives and further urging the President of the United States as well as the Congress and House of Representatives of the United States to enact and pass legislation designating March 8th as a paid public holiday in honor of International Women's Day.

March 6, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Bierman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 6, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

3/17/00

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.