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RESOLUTION NO. 232-01

1 Resolution urging the California State Legislature to explore ways to significantly strengthen
2 Workers Compensation benefits for California employees.

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4 **strengthen Workers Compensation benefits for California employees.**

5 WHEREAS, Workers Compensation benefits are the primary remedy for employees
6 who suffer job-related injuries in California; and

7 WHEREAS, the majority of injured workers in California receive permanent disability
8 benefits at a level of \$140 a week, and;

9 WHEREAS, this benefit level has remained unchanged for the last eighteen years,
10 represents a salary level of less than half of the federal poverty level for a family of four, and
11 ranks California 49th out of 50 States in the level of permanent disability benefits; and;

12 WHEREAS California is only one of seven states in the US that has failed to adopt the
13 recommendations of a 1972 Federal Commission on the Adequacy of Temporary Disability
14 Benefits, and;

15 WHEREAS, Governor Gray Davis has twice vetoed legislation to expand benefits to
16 injured workers, suggesting that increases in Workers Compensation benefits would
17 adversely impact the State's economy, and;

18 WHEREAS, Workers Compensation costs to employers actually represent less than
19 two percent of total State payroll, and statutory changes in California law enacted in 1993 and
20 1994 have further reduced those costs by more than one-third a year, resulting in State
21 employers realizing nearly \$4 billion a year in savings, with continued savings projected into
22 foreseeable future, and; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature to explore substantial, meaningful steps that can be taken to address inadequacies in Workers Compensation benefits—specifically providing stronger coverage for the working women and men of California on a sliding scale proportionate to family size; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges both the Legislature and the Governor to avoid enacting any laws in current and future legislative terms that reduce or eliminate Workers Compensation benefits, restrict employees' legal rights regarding these benefits, or impede employees' ability to establish their claims and receive benefit payments in a timely manner.



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February 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Maxwell

March 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

March 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

March 19, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

March 19, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yee

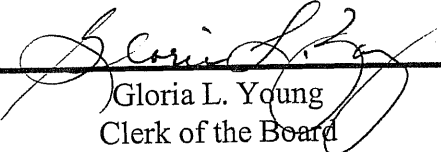
March 19, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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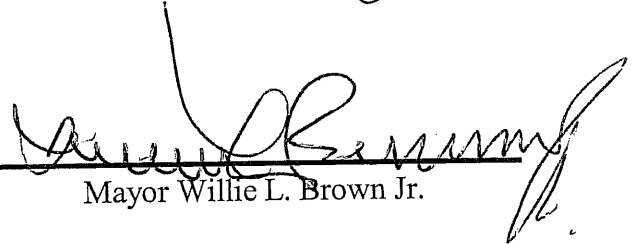
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** on March 19, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

MAR 30 2001

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.