

1 [Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.]

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3 **Resolution commending the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride and the “March for**
4 **Immigrants Rights” on September 20, 2003 in San Francisco, to send off the 106 Bay**
5 **Area Riders on their historic journey for freedom and civil rights for all.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s history is synonymous with immigration of people from
8 the nations around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and the State of California have,
10 and will continue to have for the foreseeable future, one the largest immigrant populations in
11 the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Immigration is essential to the city and county’s economic growth, its
13 social and cultural diversity, and the vitality of its civic life; and

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has worked to ensure equal rights
15 and services to all immigrants including the passage of the Matricular I.D. cards as accepted
16 forms of identification and the passage of the resolution to support Senate Bill 60 driver’s
17 licenses for Immigrants; and

18 WHEREAS, The current immigration law does not serve the interests of San Francisco
19 because it:

20 (a) Offers no opportunity for many hard working, taxpaying immigrant residents to
21 become legal residents, and eventually, citizens, of the United States.

22 (b) Imposes many hardships on immigrant families wishing to reunite in this state.

23 (c) Fails to protect the workplace rights of immigrants who are investing their labor in
24 the county’s and city’s economy; and

1 WHEREAS, A national mobilization of individuals and organizations that already
2 support immigration reform, from the AFL-CIO, San Francisco Labor Council, Hotel and
3 Restaurant Employees Union, Service Employees International Union, Laborers International
4 Union of North America, Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition, from Democratic and
5 Republican elected officials to the National Immigration Forum and National Council of La
6 Raza, is necessary to restore the momentum for policy change that was swept aside by the
7 tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, The Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride, which will set out from nine major
9 cities in the United States, including San Francisco and cross the country in buses starting on
10 September 20 of 2003, and culminate in delegations meeting Members of Congress in
11 Washington, DC, and a mass show of support for immigrant workers in New York City, will be
12 a powerful vehicle to demonstrate the existence of a broad national constituency for
13 meaningful immigration reform;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the City and
15 County of San Francisco, that the Board of Supervisors commends the Immigrant Workers
16 Freedom Ride (IWFR) and similarly commends the "March for Immigrants Rights" on
17 September 20, 2003 in San Francisco, to send off the 106 Bay Area Riders on their historic
18 journey for freedom and civil rights for all.



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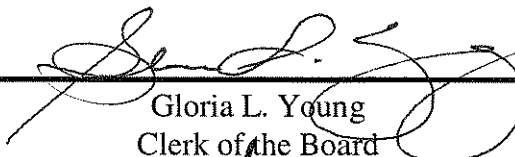
September 16, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 7 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin


Absent: 4 - Ammiano, McGoldrick, Newsom, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 16, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


SEP 26 2003
Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.