

FILE NO. 060512

RESOLUTION NO.

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1 [Urging the United States to immediately take effective action to stop the genocide in Darfur.]

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5 **Darfur.**

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7 WHEREAS, Since February 2003, in the Darfur region of western Sudan, a
8 government-backed militia known as janjaweed has engaged in a systematic campaign of
9 expulsion, mass murder, and rape of the non-Arab African inhabitants of the region.
10 Government aerial bombardments have frequently preceded or followed janjaweed attacks. In
11 violation of numerous U.N. resolutions and ceasefire agreements, the attacks on civilians
12 continue; and,

13 WHEREAS, More than two million people now live in crowded camps in Darfur and
14 Chad where disease and mortality rates are climbing. Those who venture from the camps are
15 attacked or raped; and,

16 WHEREAS, Only about half of those who were forced from their homes are receiving
17 aid; others are in camps that are not yet served, or are, literally, wandering the desert.
18 According to the U.N. World Food Programme, 3.5 million people – more than half the entire
19 population of Darfur – are now in need of food; and,

20 WHEREAS, The African Union troops currently in Darfur are charged with monitoring
21 ceasefire agreements and escorting aid convoys but have no mandate to protect civilians;
22 and,

23 WHEREAS, Banditry, looting, and continued violence threaten U.N. and non-
24 governmental aid workers, many of whom have been harassed, abducted, and even killed;
25 and,

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1 WHEREAS, U.N. agencies estimate that over 2.5 million Darfuris have been uprooted
2 and over 400,000 have been killed or have died of disease and starvation; and,

3 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition is organizing a Vigil for
4 Darfur on the east sidewalk of the Golden Gate Bridge at 11:15 a.m. on April 30th 2006 and a
5 Rally for Darfur at 1:30 p.m. on April 30th at Crissy Field to raise awareness and advocate
6 action to end the Darfur genocide, featuring Congresswoman Pelosi, Congressman George
7 Miller, and Jerry Fowler of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum; and,

8 WHEREAS, U.S. President George W. Bush and the U.S. Congress have repeatedly
9 declared that the killing of people in Darfur is genocide; Now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 hereby deploras the persecution and execution of all Darfuris who are the victims of
12 genocide; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14 Francisco urges the United States to immediately take effective action to stop the genocide in
15 Darfur and establish an atmosphere of security in which the uprooted can return to their
16 homes in dignity and rebuild their lives and cultures.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
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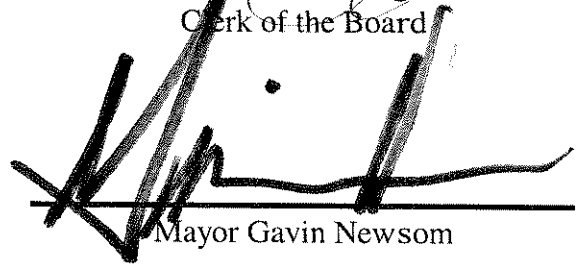
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on April 25, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

4/28/06

Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom