Resolution urging independent and community foundations to effectively support communities of color and foster leadership development in minority-led organizations.

WHEREAS, Minority ethnic groups compose nearly a third of the entire population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies by the Greenlining Institute and Applied Research Center on the top fifty independent and community foundations in 2002 revealed that independent foundations awarded only 3 percent of grant dollars and 4.3 percent of grants to minority-led organizations, and community foundations awarded only 3 percent of grant dollars and 2 percent of grants to minority-led organizations; and,

WHEREAS, African-Americans received 1.6 percent of total grant-making, Latinos received 1.2 percent, Asian/Pacific Islanders received 0.5 percent, Native Americans received 0.5 percent; and general ethnic and other racial minority groups received only 4.1 percent of total grant dollars; and

WHEREAS, In total, only 8 percent of grants from the nation’s largest foundations directly reached, benefited, or otherwise served ethnic and racial minorities in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, Minority-led nonprofit organizations empower communities by ensuring that those who speak for the community are also from the community they represent; and,

WHEREAS, Minority-led nonprofit organizations are vital to ensuring that specific minority interests and concerns are addressed within the public sphere and provide a training ground for minority involvement in public policy and governance decisions; and,

WHEREAS, Foundations’ tax exemptions are funded by tax payers, the majority whom are people of color; and,

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WHEREAS, In San Francisco, minorities comprise close to half of the population with Whites at 52.6%, 33.2% Asian, 14% Latino, 6.5% Black or African American, and 0.8% American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and Other Pacific Islander, and approximately 3.8% identifying themselves as some other race and 3% as two or more races combined, according to the U.S. Bureau's 2004 American Community Survey; and,

WHEREAS, Ethnic groups will represent two-thirds of California's population by 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges independent and community foundations to effectively support communities of color and foster leadership development in minority-led organizations.

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Ayes:  8 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin
Absent:  2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval
Excused:  1 - Ma

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 13, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

6.22.06
Date Approved