

FILE NO. 000200

RESOLUTION NO. 116-00

1 [Death Penalty Moratorium]

2 URGING GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO EFFECT A MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS WHILE
3 CALIFORNIA'S DEATH PENALTY PROCEDURES ARE REVIEWED AND EVALUATED.

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5 WHEREAS, California resumed executions in 1992 twenty years
6 after the California Supreme Court declared the death penalty cruel
7 and unusual punishment in violation of the state constitution; and,

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WHEREAS, ~~n~~ ninety-eight people were put to death in 1999, and ten
9 more have been executed already in 2000; and,

10 WHEREAS, The State of Florida awarded two men \$500,000 each for
11 their erroneous conviction and death sentence thirty years ago when
12 another man confessed to the murders of which they had been
13 convicted; and,

14 WHEREAS, The State of California has a large and increasing
15 backlog of death penalty appeal cases, due largely to the difficulty
16 in appointing appellate counsel, and this backlog has increased the
17 numbers of prisoners on death row; and,

18 WHEREAS, The State of California's Legislative Analyst Office
19 highlighted the need for further consideration of the issue in an
20 analysis of the 1997-98 budget to the State Legislature addressing
21 various legislative options which might reduce the backlog of death
22 penalty appeal cases and concluding that "It is not clear, however,
23 that any option will reduce the backlog in the near term"; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Governor of Illinois, concerned about flaws in the
25 death penalty system in that state, has announced he will grant stays

1 of execution until the system has been investigated thoroughly by a
2 special commission. This commission will focus on the capital
3 punishment system in general and particularly on the 13 cases in
4 which defendants were found to have been wrongly convicted; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
7 of San Francisco urges Governor Gray Davis to effect a moratorium on
8 executions while California's death penalty procedures are reviewed
9 and evaluated; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
11 forwards this resolution to Governor Davis, to State Senators Burton
12 and Speier and to Assembly Members Migden and Shelley.



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February 7, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT
COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

February 7, 2000 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Newsom

Absent: 5 - Becerril, Kaufman, Teng, Yaki, Yee

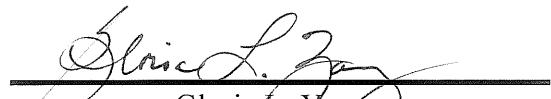
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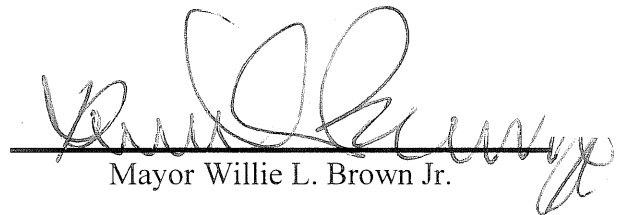
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on February 7, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.