

1 [Commending Effective Drug Policies]

2 COMMENDING THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR EFFECTIVE DRUG POLICIES FOR ITS  
3 EFFORTS IN CALLING FOR AN EVALUATION OF OUR NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL  
4 GOVERNMENT POLICIES BY EXAMINING THE RACIAL SENTENCING DISPARITIES  
5 BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND THOSE WHO ARE PLACED IN  
6 DRUG REHABILITATION OR SENTENCED TO SHORTER TERMS; ALSO FOR CALLING  
7 FOR A STUDY ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS SUCH POLICIES ARE HAVING ON THE  
8 POOR, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES.

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has demonstrated commitment to  
10 finding alternatives to the failed National War on Drugs, including expanding our treatment on  
11 demand policy; and,

12 WHEREAS, The sentence for those convicted of crack cocaine possession is 500  
13 times that of persons convicted of powder cocaine possession, although both drugs are  
14 pharmacologically identical; and,

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 96 percent of those convicted for crack possession are  
16 Latino or African American; and,

17 WHEREAS, The United States incarcerates more citizens per capita than any other  
18 democracy in the world with the largest number of prisoners sentenced for crimes involving  
19 drugs or resulting from their dependence on drugs; and,

20 WHEREAS, With prison cells costing approximately \$20,000 per year, the State of  
21 California spends more tax dollars on prisons than it does on public schools; and,

22 WHEREAS, The National Coalition for Effective Drug Policy has called for an  
23 evaluation of our national, state, and local government policies by examining the racial  
24 sentencing disparities of those who are incarcerated and those who are placed in drug  
25 rehabilitation; and,

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1           WHEREAS, The Coalition has also called for a study on the adverse effects such  
2 policies are having on the poor, women, and families; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco does hereby commend the  
4 National Coalition for Effective Drug Policies for its aforementioned actions; and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby ask  
6 that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Coalition for Effective Drug Policies, c/o  
7 Kevin Zeese, 3619 Tallwood Terrace, Falls Church, VA 22041.

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### Resolution

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**File Number:** 000500

**Date Passed:**

Resolution commending the National Coalition for Effective Drug Policies for its efforts in calling for an evaluation of our national, state, and local government policies by examining the racial sentencing disparities between those who are incarcerated and those who are placed in drug rehabilitation or sentenced to shorter terms; also for calling for a study on the adverse effects such policies are having on the poor, women, and families.

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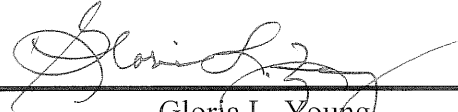
March 27, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki

Absent: 3 - Bierman, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 27, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

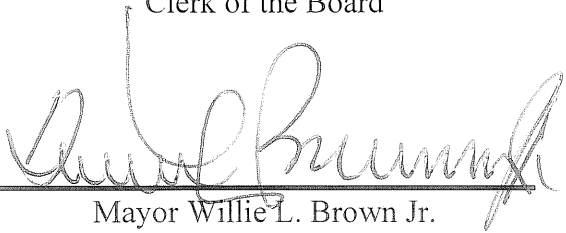


Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.