

1 [Commendation]

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3 COMMENDING *LATINOS EN EXTASIS* FOR THEIR WORK IN EDUCATING YOUTH
4 ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH AND FOR REPRESENTING SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH AT THE
5 2000 INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.

6 WHEREAS, Since 1997, Mission Neighborhood Health Center
7 (MNHC) has hosted *Latinos en Extasis* (which translates to Latinos
8 living life to the fullest), a culturally sensitive peer based youth
9 HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention program for Latino youth ages 13
10 to 18; and,

11 WHEREAS, *Latinos en Extasis* supports the concept that youth are
12 more likely to adapt a new behavior or idea if it comes from their
13 peers; and,

14 WHEREAS, Drawing on the proven effectiveness that comes from
15 peer leadership, *Latinos en Extasis* has identified and recruited
16 female and male teen leaders who have been trained to become Peer
17 Outreach Educators (POEs); and,

18 WHEREAS, In the two a half years since it began, *Latinos en*
19 *Extasis* has trained 37 young Health Educators, educated over 300
20 peer-led group participants, and reached over 1,500 teens in the
21 greater Mission District in San Francisco; and,

22 WHEREAS, Seven young Peer Educators age 15-18 will participate
23 in the 2000 International AIDS Conference in July in Durban, South
24 Africa; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Since 1985, The International AIDS Conference has
2 provided a forum for academic, industrial, and social activists to
3 share ideas and focus on the prevention and treatment of HIV and
4 AIDS; and,

5 WHEREAS, The youth will go to the conference not as observers
6 but as active participants representing their community and learning
7 from others involved in preventing the spread of HIV; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Peer Educators have submitted an abstract to the
9 conference titled "Voices to Live By" and they have been invited to
10 participate with the "Names Project - World Aids Quilt" at the
11 display in Durban; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
13 of San Francisco commends *Latinos in Extasis* for their work in
14 educating youth about sexual health and for representing San
15 Francisco youth at the 2000 International Aids Conference in Durban,
16 South Africa.



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Resolution

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Resolution commending Latinos en Extasis for their work in educating youth about sexual health and for representing San Francisco youth at the 2000 International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa.

July 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 10, 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.