

1 [Warden Johnson vessel]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to endorse and promote the**  
4 **return of the historic vessel known as the *Warden Johnston Alcatraz Prison Launch to***  
5 **Alcatraz Island and San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The *Warden Johnston* made over 140,000 trips to and from Alcatraz as  
8 the primary transport; and

9 WHEREAS, "The *Warden Johnston* was more than a vehicle of transportation, it was a  
10 way of life, the link to the outside world. It took the children to school, the sick to the hospital,  
11 housewives shopping, the light of foot dancing; it brought food, news, mail, visitors and  
12 doctors, in short, it became to the residents as indisputably a part of their lives as their  
13 toothbrushes. It was used as a freighter by federal prison industries as a rescue boat to  
14 sailors in distress and a gun boat in search of prisoners; it was a link in the transfer and  
15 discharge of inmates; it was one of the forces around which local activities revolved." \* and

16 WHEREAS, The *Warden Johnston* is the last and strongest interpretative instrument  
17 available to Alcatraz and the people of San Francisco should have access to the launch in its  
18 historical context; and

19 WHEREAS, The slip of Alcatraz and the dock at the MUNI pier were used exclusively  
20 for the *Warden Johnston*, these docks have been virtually empty since Alcatraz closed in  
21 1963; and

22 WHEREAS, Under the current transport contract for Alcatraz, the *Warden Johnston* is  
23 unable to land at Alcatraz; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
25 designate the *Warden Johnston* as an historic San Francisco Maritime asset; encourage the

1 National Park Service to adopt an historic vessel clause for the Alcatraz Public Transportation  
2 Contract; and direct the San Francisco Port Authority to find dock space at the Hyde Street  
3 Harbor for the Warden Johnston as an historic vessel.

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6 \* Excerpted from the "Foghorn", Vol. 3, No. 3, March 1961. The "Foghorn" was the official  
7 publication of the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, CA.



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May 7, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin  
Absent: 3 - Newsom, Sandoval, Yee

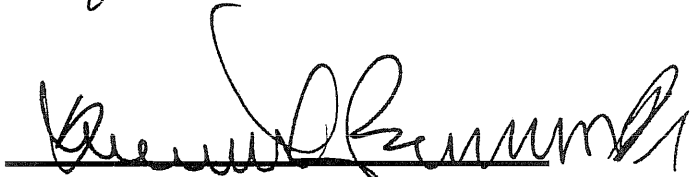
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 7, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
for Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.