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[Commendation-Juma Ventures.]

Resolution commending Juma Ventures for its recent distinction as a 2002 Promising and Effective Practices Network (PepNet) renewal Awardee.

WHEREAS, Juma Ventures, a youth serving organization in the City and County of San Francisco, gets its name from the word Juma, which means 'work' in the widely spoken Akan language of Ghana in West Africa. Other nuances of the meaning include "gathering together" as a group or a people; and,

WHEREAS, Juma Ventures provides employment opportunities for Bay Area youth in social enterprises affording them a solid economic foundation from which to advance educationally, gain financial skills, and begin to build personal assets; and,

WHEREAS, The Juma model consists of two interwoven elements which include meaningful employment and complementary youth development services; and,

WHEREAS, This model empowers youth to make informed choices about the path of their future by exposing them to the variety of options available to them. Juma shows youth what they are capable of and encourages them to set and fulfill their personal and professional goals;

WHEREAS, Juma Ventures uses business enterprises as the vehicle to provide these opportunities to young people who have traditionally lacked access to them; and,

WHEREAS, Juma Ventures provides youth and young adults in the San Francisco Bay Area a clear, accessible pathway to transition out of poverty and the opportunity to envision a bold future for themselves; and,

WHEREAS, Promising and Effective Practices Network ("PEPNet"), a system and information base for identifying and promoting best practices in youth employment and

development, recently selected Juma Ventures as one of a few organizations from across the country to receive distinction as a 2002 PEPNet renewal Awardee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby commend Juma Ventures for receiving national recognition for its successful efforts of providing youth development through employment, education and training to the youth of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Juma Ventures for being honored at an award ceremony at the next National Employment Youth Coalition annual convention to be held next month in Washington, D.C.



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A	Board of Supervisors — A Lyes: 8 - Daly, Gonzalez, I Lbsent: 3 - Ammiano, McC	Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
File	No. 021484	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 26, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Clerk of the Board