

San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Resolution Endorsing the 5th UN World Conference on Women for 2012

BE IT KNOWN that the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues, and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, The United Nations held World Conferences on Women in 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1995, with the final World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, drawing 180 government delegations and 2,500 non-government groups to discuss the status of women and human rights worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Though many advancements have been made in the 13 years since the previous World Conference on Women, many women throughout the world still lack the most basic of human rights, including those outlined in the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which San Francisco adopted as a local ordinance in 1998; and,

WHEREAS, A 5th World Conference on Women would be the first since the Internet began connecting all corners of the world, likely making this conference the largest and most effective gathering of women ever held, and thus a powerful tool for creating both local and global change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, in honor of Women's History Month, endorses the planning of a 5th UN World Conference on Women for 2012, and encourages others in the global community to contact the UN Commission on the Status of Women and the UN Secretary-General in support of this endeavor.

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