[Urging passage of AB 496]

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt and Governor Davis to sign Assembly Bill 496, a bill establishing firearm manufacturer liability for guns designed and marketed for criminal use.

WHEREAS, Current California law as interpreted by the California Supreme Court effectively exempts the gun industry from liability and negligence lawsuits; and,

WHEREAS, Thirty-nine U.S. states do not provide a special exemption from product liability statutes for firearm manufacturers; and,

WHEREAS, Gun manufacturers have designed and marketed weapons specifically for criminal use, and one such weapon, the Navegar TEC-DC9 pistol, was used in the infamous 1993 101 California Street murders of eight people; and,

WHEREAS, State Assemblyman Paul Koretz has introduced Assembly Bill 496 to the California State Legislature which would remove the special exemption in the cases of negligence actions, product liability actions alleging manufacturing or design defects, public and private nuisance actions, and statutory actions; and,

WHEREAS, AB 496 is co-authored by State Senator Don Perata whose Senate companion bill (SB 682) has been endorsed by this Board of Supervisors in September 2001; now, therefore, be it

MARK LENO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the California State Legislature to adopt and Governor Davis to sign AB 496 (Koretz); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of the Supervisors shall transmit copies of this resolution to California State

Assemblyman Paul Koretz and to Governor Gray Davis.



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May 20, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,

Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 20, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Clerk of the Board