



## BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

**W**HEREAS, the city of San Francisco has demonstrated strong commitment toward ensuring the realization of human rights for all; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has high aspirations and standards for its children and families and is constantly seeking ways to improve their lives and ensure an environment that protects children's health; and

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989 and became effective as an international treaty on September 2, 1990; and

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the only international human rights treaty to recognize the vital role of the family and the parent-child relationship; and

WHEREAS, though the United States was heavily involved in the drafting of the Convention and formally signed it

in 1995, the country has yet to ratify it, freeing it from any legal adherence to the treaty's provisions; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the only country which has not ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Board of Directors is consistent with San Francisco's support of securing fundamental rights for the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Convention of the Rights of the Child affirms San Francisco's commitment to protect children and promote their rights; and

WHEREAS, the Convention would provide a single, comprehensive framework within which the diverse arms of the San Francisco city government can assess and address, in a consistent manner, the rights and protection of our children.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association, USA, San Francisco Chapter and signed by the President, Mary Steiner, on October 19, 2019, at the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans Building (Birth Place of the United Nations)

Mary Steiner, UNASF President