



# PROCLAMATION

## *COMMENDING THE SF MIME TROUPE AND THEIR 50 YEARS OF FREE PERFORMANCES WHICH ENLIGHTEN SAN FRANCISCO CITIZENS THROUGH ART AND THEATRICAL SATIRE*

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby issue and authorize the execution of the following proclamation in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season of the San Francisco Mime Troupe founded in 1959 by local artist & activist, R.G. Davis; and

WHEREAS, The Mime Troupe pioneered free performance in San Francisco parks; and, in consequence, its founder and other members were arrested on multiple occasions, and the company denied civic funding for many years; and

WHEREAS, Despite these obstacles, the Troupe's dazzling style and searing exposés of America's racism, hypocrisies, and drive for empire won the Troupe a national audience, international acclaim, and major awards, adding luster to our City's unique legend; and

WHEREAS, The Troupe organized with other arts groups in the City to affect systemic changes in funding, promotion and appreciation of the arts in San Francisco that have had significant, long-lasting impacts on the City's community and culture; and

WHEREAS, The Troupe has afflicted the powerful, championed the afflicted, and entertainingly enlightened our citizens for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Its satirical predictions that the free market would produce social, environmental, geopolitical and economic disaster - often dismissed as leftwing propaganda - have all proven true; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco proclaim this July 4, 2009, to be San Francisco Mime Troupe Day.

In recognition whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

*David Campos*  
Supervisor David Campos  
July 4, 2009