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San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. to Mark September 11th Anniversary with Donation of WTC Image by Photographer Stephen Johnson to the People of New York City

**Mayor Brown to attend presentation at 11:00am during Seybold SF 2002 Conference on
September 11th at Moscone Convention Center**

SAN FRANCISCO – Noted digital photographer Stephen Johnson will present San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. with a panoramic image of the World Trade Center that will be donated to the City of New York on behalf of the mayor and the City and County of San Francisco.

The presentation will occur at 11:00 AM on September 11th in a special gallery of the Seybold SF 2002 event at the Moscone Convention Center dedicated to images related to September 11th, 2001. Johnson will present the image to NYC officials in October 2002.

"I am pleased that this image will be donated to the office of Mayor Bloomberg on behalf of the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco," said Mayor Brown. "This image is an important testament to the strength and heroism of New Yorkers, as well as a powerful remembrance of the tremendous loss brought by the events of September 11" said the Mayor.

Noted digital photographer Stephen Johnson captured the donated image, which measures approximately 3 x 13 feet, in October 1998 from Liberty Island State Park in New Jersey. The panoramic image is unique in that it was made by Johnson using an advanced digital scanning back and rotating platform built by San Carlos, CA digital imaging manufacturer BetterLight.

The photo is believed to be one of the highest resolution digital images ever made of the World Trade Center Towers and the surrounding NYC skyline. The native file size of the all-digital image is nearly one-half gigabyte.

Photographer Stephen Johnson had this to say, "I made this photograph out of love for New York City. I had no idea it would be the last day I would photograph the skyline with the Twin Towers. I sincerely hope this photograph can play a role in the very important process of never forgetting the terrible loss our nation suffered on September 11."

The WTC image may be viewed at: <http://www.sjphoto.com/sjNYCpano.jpg>.

Said Stephen Brown of Proteus Workshop, which acts as agent for Stephen Johnson, "Stephen has lectured and taught for more than 20 years, founding a photography workshop program in 1978, which he runs from his studio in Pacifica, CA. The photography curator at the Oakland Museum of Art recently referred to Stephen Johnson as "the digital Ansel Adams," an honor not bestowed on any other photographer of whom I am aware," said Brown.

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Additional information on Mayor Brown is available on the web at:
<http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/mayor/about.htm>

Additional information on photographer Stephen Johnson is on the web at:
<http://www.sjphoto.com/>

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WHO: San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. and noted photographer Stephen Johnson

WHAT: Johnson will present Mayor Brown with a 3 X 13 foot all-digital panoramic image of the World Trade Center and surrounding skyline that Johnson is donating to the Office of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in New York City.

WHERE: South Building of the Moscone Center at 747 Howard St., San Francisco – Booth 811 of the Seybold SF 2002 tradeshow for communications technology professionals.

WHEN: September 11th, 2002 at 11:00AM