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San Francisco Joins International Day of Action to Defend the Amazon

Bay Area joins international solidarity movement following mass protests in Brazil

Where: Brazilian Consulate, 300 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104

When: Monday, August 22nd, 9am – 11:30am

Who: Members and allies of Amazon Watch and International Rivers will be joined by dozens of local and Brazilian protestors

What: Colorful protest outside the Brazilian Consulate as part of the International Day of Action to Defend the Amazon. On August 22nd, people in 20 cities in 16 countries will march in solidarity with protests being staged across Brazil, demanding that the Brazilian government guarantee the protection of the Amazon by halting the Belo Monte Dam, revoking proposed changes to the country's Forestry Code, and protecting forest activists from further assault.

Background: The Brazilian Amazon faces an unprecedented convergence of threats. The nation's congress is on the verge of approving a major rollback of the Brazilian Forestry Code; plans are moving forward for construction of the devastating Belo Monte Dam project; and the government is failing to protect people seeking to defend the forest, who are facing a wave of murder and intimidation. This protest is one of dozens of actions coordinated worldwide on August 22nd to stand in solidarity with protests across Brazil on August 20th calling on the Dilma Rousseff government to cancel the Belo Monte Dam and put an end to these threats. The movement to defend the Brazilian Amazon is a coalition of various sectors of society, including Brazilian and international NGOs, social movements, human rights activists, environmentalists, students, and many others.

Interviews and more information available upon request.

For more information on the International Day of Action and the Amazon, please visit:

www.amazonwatch.org www.internationalrivers.org www.tinyurl.com/amazonsolidarity

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