

**HEALTH COMMISSION  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-07**

**HONORING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, APRIL 1-7, 2013**

WHEREAS, the first week of April is celebrated as “National Public Health Week” each year in states and counties throughout the United States, including California and San Francisco;

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2013 National Public Health Week is “Public Health is Return on Investment: Save Lives, Save Money”; and,

WHEREAS, preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer, healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and,

WHEREAS, preventable chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths each year; and,

WHEREAS, chronic diseases cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work each year, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion; and,

WHEREAS, investing just \$10 per person each year in proven, community-based public health efforts could save the nation more than \$16 billion within five years; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) is to “protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans”; and,

WHEREAS, SFDPH meets this mission through the implementation of public health strategies and the provision of health care services; and,

WHEREAS, SFDPH implements programs in various areas of focus of Public Health Week 2013 including the ShapeUp San Francisco Walking Challenge Launch, San Francisco General Hospital’s Working on Wellness (WOW) classes, Bike to School Week, Environmental Health’s Sustainable Communities Index; and,

WHEREAS, SFDPH staff has excelled in developing partnerships to promote health and change environments to create healthier communities in San Francisco; and,

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health, to demonstrate its commitment to prevention, will launch and sustain a ‘Prevention Integration Practice and Science leadership group’ to strengthen prevention efforts across the Department; be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recognizes the San Francisco Department of Public Health’s excellent programs and the work in prevention and creating a healthier San Francisco, and celebrates those efforts during National Public Health Week, April 1-7, 2013.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 19, 2013 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz  
Health Commission Executive Secretary