

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 66-86

RESOLUTION URGING THAT EXISTING LEGISLATION LIMITING THE SALE OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS BE ENFORCED, THAT EDUCATION EFFORTS ON THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF USING SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS BE EXPANDED, AND THAT AN ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED REQUIRING THAT WARNING SIGNS OF THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF USING SMOKELESS TOBACCO BE POSTED AT THE POINT OF SALE.

Whereas there is scientific evidence which shows that the use of smokeless tobacco products (such as snuff and chewing tobacco) is associated with oral cancer and the risk of developing such cancers is four times as great among snuff users than among non-snuff users; and

Whereas, smokeless tobacco products have shown to contain nicotine, which is a dependence producing drug that may result in addictive behavior; and

Whereas, scientific evidence suggests that the use of smokeless tobacco may contribute to a number of dental problems including periodontal disease and tooth abrasion; and

Whereas, the use of smokeless tobacco has increased substantially in recent years, particularly among adolescent males, and many users are unaware of possible harmful effects of using smokeless tobacco products; and

Whereas, State law now prohibits the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18, yet tobacco products are still available at or near schools in San Francisco; now therefore be it

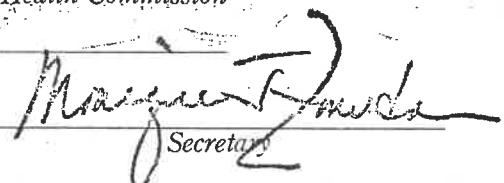
RESOLVED: That the Health Commission requests that the Department of Public Health expand its education efforts regarding the health hazards of using smokeless tobacco products and urge the Unified School District to educate parents, teachers, and students about the health hazards of using smokeless tobacco products, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Health Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance requiring that: 1) warning signs on the health hazards of using smokeless tobacco be posted at the point of sale, and that 2) signs be posted at local businesses which sell smokeless tobacco that State law prohibits the sale of smokeless tobacco products to minors.

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of July 15th, 1986


Secretary