

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 093-87

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE STOP AIDS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the STOP AIDS Project is an innovative community-based, peer support AIDS-prevention program, intended as a educational intervention and as a model for social change, behavior change and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, its specific goal is to motivate lasting behavior change that will prevent transmission of the AIDS virus, by promoting the conscious and open scrutiny of group norms, expectations, standards, and beliefs regarding the acceptability of unsafe sex; and

WHEREAS, the STOP AIDS Project was developed based on extensive research about AIDS-prevention begun in 1984 by Larry Bye and Sam Puckett for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the San Francisco Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, originally designed specifically for a situation that existed among the city's population of gay and bisexual men, the STOP AIDS model has also proved effective for adult heterosexuals, and should function equally well for adolescents or other demographic subgroups; and

WHEREAS, the STOP AIDS model has also been successfully adopted in settings outside San Francisco. STOP AIDS Projects are underway in Los Angeles and Sacramento, California; Sydney, Australia; in Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand; and in Cincinnati, Ohio. Projects are under active development in Denver, Colorado; in Santa Barbara and Orange County, California; and in other cities; and

WHEREAS, the STOP AIDS Project formally began in January 1985 as a six-month pilot funded by the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Upon successful completion of the pilot phase, SFDPH contracted for two successive one-year extensions of the program, with additional funding provided by the California Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, by June 30, 1987, nearly 7,000 gay and bisexual men will have participated in the program. Experimentally, several hundred women participated in all-female STOP AIDS meetings during the same timeframe, as did nearly 1,000 heterosexuals in mixed groups of men and women,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Health Commission presents to Sam Puckett and Larry Bye a Certificate of Honor from the Health Commission and Department of Public Health as a token of the Commission's deep appreciation for this valuable work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Sam Puckett, Larry Bye and the STOP AIDS Project, and to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of May 19, 1987.



Sandy Ouye Mori

Secretary to the Health Commission