

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 112-88

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
SENIOR MEDICATION EDUCATION SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS IN CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to maintain and expand programs in California to provide education for persons 60 years of age or older with respect to medications they use; and,

WHEREAS, there is significant data to substantiate that a number of deaths occur annually among persons 65 years and older as a result of adverse drug reactions; in addition, 1.3 million hospital admissions among this population result from medication-related problems each year, some of which may be prevented if appropriate education occurred; and,


WHEREAS, medication education for senior citizens based on a comprehensive educational model (SRx) already exists in the counties of Alameda, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano and the City and County of San Francisco, and Senior medication education programs have also been started in Long Beach City and Orange, Mendocino, Tulare, Riverside, Los Angeles and San Diego counties; and,

WHEREAS, limited resources from the Department of Health Services' Special Needs and Priorities Funds which have been used to initiate new senior medication education programs may be discontinued for fiscal year 1988-89; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Health Commission of San Francisco City and County supports a statewide program to provide medication education services for older adults; and requests the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to urge the California State Legislature to adopt legislation to appropriate \$1,840,000 for establishing comprehensive senior medication education programs on a statewide level, over the next three fiscal years, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors and his Honor, the Mayor, for transmission to the State Legislature Advocate for presentation by the latter to members of the San Francisco delegation and other appropriate members in the State Legislature, with the request that all necessary action be taken to insure the passage of the above described legislation.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the Health Commission at its meeting of April 5, 1988.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission