

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. #140-89

RESOLUTION ON CRACK COCAINE

WHEREAS, the crack cocaine epidemic has been declared a public health emergency by the Director of Health and the Board of Supervisors, and the Health Commission has identified the crack-cocaine epidemic as a major priority; and,

WHEREAS, the extensive use of crack and cocaine poses an extraordinary hazard to the individuals addicted, their families, neighborhoods and the whole fabric of the community; and,

WHEREAS, crack and cocaine are often used along with other seriously addictive drugs, including alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, substance abuse, both by injection with contaminated needles and in association with unsafe sexual activity, is now a dominant factor in the spread of HIV infection; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has commissioned a Task Force to address substance abuse, and the Task Force has issued its recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has addressed the Health Commission with an affirmative program to implement the recommendations of the Mayor's Drug Symposium Task Force, including the need for various Departments of City government to address the problem in inter-departmental fashion; therefore, be it

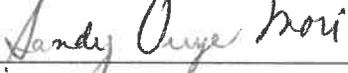
RESOLVED, that the Health Commission finds that the crack and cocaine epidemic continues to constitute a community health and social problem of emergency proportions; and, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission wholeheartedly endorses the recommendations of the Mayor's Drug Symposium Task Force calling for an integrated comprehensive approach; and, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Department will devote untiring efforts toward effective community education/prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of crack, cocaine and all other serious drug addictions, and that it will do so in a comprehensive fashion, utilizing all divisions of the Department, and in cooperation with other City departments, community-based agencies, and concerned citizens and organizations; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to seek the necessary State and Federal support and funding, including legislation, if necessary, to provide the funds and resources required to combat this serious crisis in the City and County of San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was unanimously passed by the Health Commission at its meeting of March 14, 1989.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission