

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 151-89

**RESOLUTION ON
AIDS Education In The Jails**

WHEREAS, the potential transmission of the AIDS virus remains a serious health threat in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, education continues to be the most potent force available for stopping the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission has had a long-standing policy of supporting vigorous AIDS education programs in all sectors of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the County Jails afford a special setting in which health education programs can reach individuals often missed by other outreach efforts, and many of whom are in medical risk groups where the need for education and prevention is great; and,

WHEREAS, education about the health benefits and AIDS risk-reduction value of condoms is an essential element of comprehensive AIDS education; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has indicated his strong support and official approval for the Health Department's proposal to include condom issuance as part of the overall health education services in the jails; and,

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has advised that a clearly structured comprehensive AIDS educational effort is under the established authority of the Health Commission; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission authorizes the Department of Public Health to include condom issuance as part of the comprehensive AIDS education program in the jails, and urges the timely implementation of this program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission directs the Department to develop an agreement which shall be signed by those staff who have voluntarily agreed to implement the Commission's policy. The agreement shall acknowledge staff's willing participation and the Health Department's responsibility to support its participating staff in carrying out this program.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of July 18, 1989.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission