

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 157-89

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE USE OF HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
IN SAN FRANCISCO

WHEREAS, AIDS and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection have been and continue to be major causes of morbidity and mortality in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health estimates that there are more than 23,000 San Franciscans currently infected with HIV, the majority of them asymptomatic or with AIDS-related complex, and;

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has recently stopped studies of the use of zidovudine (AZT) in the treatment of HIV infection in individuals with asymptomatic infection and AIDS-related complex because the efficacy of AZT in preventing the progression of HIV infection to clinical AIDS was clearly established; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Public Health Service has encouraged counseling, testing, and partner notification as important activities in the prevention of HIV infection and has, together with the California Department of Health Services, funded these activities in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has established a network of clinical centers for confidential and anonymous HIV testing and counseling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission and Department of Public Health adopt a policy of encouraging all adults and adolescents who may have been exposed to HIV to be voluntarily tested and counseled both for the purpose of early diagnosis and for the purpose of counseling, including its component parts of education, support, and partner notification, to prevent subsequent transmission of HIV; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Health continue to provide HIV testing and counseling services to the diverse populations at risk for HIV infection, recognizing their special needs; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the benefits of HIV antibody testing for the purpose of diagnosing HIV infection be extended to all San Franciscans; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission encourages the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors to pursue federal and state funding to ensure access to medical care for all persons diagnosed with HIV infection

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of November 7, 1989.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission