

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 12-90

RESOLUTION REGARDING  
PREVENTION MEASURES TO CONTAIN THE MEASLES EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, preventative measures to contain the spread of the measles (ruebella) epidemic in San Francisco has been declared a public health emergency by the Director of Health; and

WHEREAS, California is currently experiencing its worst measles epidemic since the 1970's; it has been present at epidemic levels in southern and central California, and has most recently extended to Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, in the first two and one-half months of 1990, over twenty counties have reported a total of 2,000 measles cases, and 23 possible measles related deaths; and

WHEREAS, measles is a serious disease in children and adults; one-third of the adult cases in Los Angeles County required hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco thus far has had only six cases reported and eight more suspected, it has large numbers of children and susceptible adults among its residents, and there is an urgent need to augment community outreach efforts to provide education and information activities regarding the need for immunization; and

WHEREAS, Special Needs and Priority (SNAP) funds for public health emergencies have just been made available to local health departments to provide assistance for measles intervention activities (although, regrettably, not for vaccine) - now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Health Commission endorses the Department of Public Health's efforts to apply for SNAP funds to prevent a measles epidemic in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support the action of the Health Director and to seek the necessary State and Federal support, including legislative action if necessary, to provide adequate resources for immunization programs, including funding for vaccine supplies for the City and County of San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of April 3, 1990.



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Sandy Ouye Mori  
Secretary to the Health Commission