

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 11-91

RESOLUTION ON A STATEMENT REGARDING TOBACCO AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, every year over 400,000 smokers in the United States die of smoking related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, every year 40,000 non-smokers die of cancer and heart disease caused by exposure to involuntary smoke; and

WHEREAS, one in five Californians over 20 smoke; and

WHEREAS, everyday another 3,000 children begin using tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 the City and County of San Francisco, 1,189 deaths were attributable to smoking related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, nicotine in cigarettes and chewing tobacco is as addictive as heroin and cocaine; and

WHEREAS, 90% of all smokers start by age 19; and

WHEREAS, the younger one starts to smoke, the more likely one will remain a smoker, smoke more heavily and die prematurely; and

WHEREAS, minors in San Francisco can easily purchase tobacco products in many locations over the counter and from vending machines; and


WHEREAS, the tobacco industry spends over \$3 billion each year on advertising and promotion to encourage the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Tobacco Control Coalition, in conjunction with the California State Legislature, has set a goal of reducing tobacco consumption by 75% by the year 1999, and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking in California clearly outweighs any other factor, whether voluntary or involuntary, as a cause of death; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports and encourages the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Francisco, California, to PROCLAIM April 21-28, 1991 as "San Francisco County Tobacco Awareness Week" and ENCOURAGES San Francisco County residents to take action to protect themselves and others from the ill effects of tobacco consumption.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, March 26, 1991.



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Secretary to the Health Commission