

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 29-93

**SUPPORTING THE ADVANCED DIRECTIVES PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health Mission Statement states that the Department shall assess, evaluate, educate and disseminate information regarding conditions that affect the public's health; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Self Determination Act of 1991 requires hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospices and home health agencies participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs to give patients information about their right to make their own health care decisions including the right to accept or refuse medical treatment and requires providers to educate their staffs and the community on issues related to advanced directives; and

WHEREAS, all individuals have the right to decide among health care options; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Directives apply only when an individual has lost their decision-making capacity; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Medical Authority Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate Guidelines were issued in 1993 to encourage the adoption of local Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate Programs; and

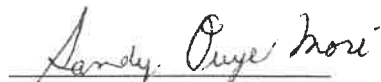
WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Agency has developed a policy to permit EMS personnel to recognize the Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate form, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Health Commission supports the rights of patients to make their own health care decisions including the right to accept or refuse medical treatment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports the Department of Health's plan to disseminate information regarding advanced directives to health care providers and the clients served by Department; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves the Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate Program.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, December 7, 1993.

  
Sandy Ouye Mori

Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission