

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 22-95

**ENDORISING THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER AS BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN SAN FRANCISCO AND
SUPPORTING THE FUNDING OF A BREAST CANCER INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, breast cancer rates in the Bay Area and in San Francisco are among the highest in the world; and,

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Department of Public Health has determined that breast cancer among African American women under the age of 50 in the Bayview/Hunters Point community is twice the rate of a comparable group in the rest of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, there is compelling need to conduct similar studies of subpopulations in San Francisco to identify other potential high risk groups; and,

WHEREAS, there is additional need to increase public awareness about breast cancer and to augment existing efforts to screen, diagnose and treat breast cancer at the earliest possible stage; and,

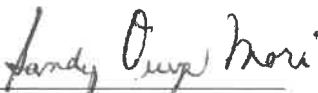
WHEREAS, new services funded through a Breast Cancer Initiative would complement the activities supported by the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP) and the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP) by providing additional access to education, screening and diagnosis with targeted outreach to high risk groups; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has urged the Department of Public Health to enhance its efforts to prevent and detect breast cancer and to reach targeted populations who are not receiving adequate mammograms and detection exams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission does hereby urge the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco to designate October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports Departmental efforts to develop the Breast Cancer Initiative.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 1995



Sandy Ouye Mori
Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission