

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 39-95

**ENDORISING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING CRYPTOSPORIDIUM**

WHEREAS, the Health Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has heard testimony on the health risks posed by cryptosporidium; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has large numbers of persons who are immunocompromised due to HIV infection, and, therefore, at high risk for severe symptoms of cryptosporidiosis, including death; and,

WHEREAS, cryptosporidium at levels known to cause disease, have been found in San Francisco's water, both routinely and following the March 1995 treatment failures; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States has stated that "the presence of this organism at any level in consumed drinking water cannot be considered safe for human consumption"; now, therefore, be it

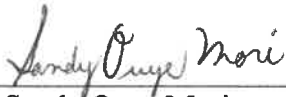
RESOLVED, that the Health Commission instructs the Department to:

1. Inform persons who are immunocompromised about the risks of drinking untreated San Francisco tap water, and educate them on options and ways to avoid potential risks, (e.g., boiling, filtration, reverse osmosis, submicron filtration, etc.);
2. Educate the community and health care providers about the disease, waterborne and other modes of transmission, as well as of "hidden" sources of tap water such as in ice cubes, concentrates, soda fountains, bathing water, showering, swimming;
3. Study the feasibility of providing cryptosporidium-free water that has been treated by distillation, submicron filtration or reverse osmosis, to all patients and visitors at all Department of Public Health facilities;
4. Ensure that fecal samples from all immunocompromised persons presented to any Department of Public Health facility are routinely screened for cryptosporidium;
5. Actively monitor cases of cryptosporidiosis to ensure that HIV negative persons, and persons seen through private health care, are included;

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6. Integrate into any other materials promoting "safer sex", information on the need to prevent cryptosporidium transmission;
7. Ensure that all populations in the City and County of San Francisco are adequately served by these measures; and,
8. Conduct further studies on the causes and prevention of cryptosporidiosis.

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



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Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission