

**HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. _____**

SUPPORTING THE DUST CONTROL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, there are Federal Standards for air pollutants and implementation of State and Regional air quality control plans, however air pollutants continue to have impacts on human health throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, California has found that particulate matter exposure can cause health effects at lower levels than national standards; and

WHEREAS, the current health burden of particulate matter demands that, where possible, public agencies take feasible available actions to reduce sources of particulate matter exposure; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Air Resources Board, reducing ambient particulate matter from 1998-2000 levels to natural background concentrations in San Francisco would prevent more than 200 premature deaths; and

WHEREAS, dust can be an irritant causing watering eyes or irritation to the lungs, nose and throat; and

WHEREAS, demolition, excavation, grading, and other construction activities can cause wind-blown dust to add to particulate matter in the local atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, depending on exposure, adverse health effects can occur due to this particulate matter in general and also due to specific contaminants such as lead or asbestos that may be constituents of dust; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this ordinance is to reduce the quantity of dust generated during site preparation, construction and demolition in order to protect the health of the general public, protect the health of on-site workers, minimize public nuisance complaints, and avoid orders to stop work by the Department of Building Inspection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports the Dust Control Ordinance as an important tool to reduce sources of particulate matter and protect the health of the general public and on-site worker.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 5, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission