

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 09-08

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S FY
2008-2009 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a \$350 million dollar shortfall for fiscal year 2008-09 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that the Department reduce its utilization of General Fund by \$46.1million; and,

WHEREAS, the Department used the budget principles adopted by this Health Commission to construct the least harmful budget cuts possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission held a public budget hearings on February 19, 2008, February 26, 2008, March 4, 2008 and March 18, 2008, April 1 and April 15; and,

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the target budget reductions that Health Department will have to make deep cuts in health services that are critical to San Francisco's safety net; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission reluctantly approves the submission of the FY 2008-2009 Department of Public Health Budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission is deeply concerned about the extent of reductions proposed and the potential impact on the Department's ability to provide the wide range of services critical to fulfilling the mission of the Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City cannot identify enough new revenue to prevent reductions, the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to preferentially protect health and human services over other services funded by the City and County; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission directs the Director of Health to return to the Health Commission at every meeting of the Health Commission with a report on the impacts of budget reductions as well as the status of the budget as it moves through the Board of Supervisors' approval process.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 15, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Health Commission Executive Secretary