

**HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Resolution No. 12-08**

**ENDORISING DPH-WIDE COLLABORATION IN A CHILDHOOD  
UNINTENTIONAL INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, nationally and locally, unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 through 14 years, and the cause of more deaths than all childhood diseases combined; and,

WHEREAS, about 200 San Francisco residents age 14 and under have been hospitalized each year with serious injuries over the past three years; and,

WHEREAS, 102 San Francisco residents age 14 and under have been fatally injured over a 10-year period; and,

WHEREAS, national estimates suggest that these figures equate to between 1,000 and 4,000 San Francisco residents age 14 and under requiring treatment in emergency rooms each year; and,

WHEREAS, many of these injuries disproportionately affect low-income and minority children; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these injuries are entirely preventable, using well-established injury prevention strategies and safety equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has received grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety and the California Department of Transportation to address child passenger and child pedestrian safety; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has received a three-year grant from Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice to keep children safe in San Francisco by establishing a coordinated, multidisciplinary Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health is committed to promoting the health of all San Franciscans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports the development of a multidisciplinary Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Program in the San Francisco Department of Public Health addressing childhood injury prevention, and calls upon all relevant divisions and units in the Department to collaborate in developing and implementing a coordinated effort.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of May 20, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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