[Hemophilia Day - April 17, 2017]

Resolution recognizing Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, and declaring April 17, 2017, as Hemophilia Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Hemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder that affects 1 in 10,000 male individuals in each country around the world; and

WHEREAS. It has no ethnic predilection; all races, nationalities, and ethnic groups around the world are equally affected; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms consist of painful, uncontrolled bleeding into joints, muscles, abdomen, head, neck and various other organs; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding into certain locations such as the head can be fatal; and WHEREAS, Symptoms may appear shortly after birth and continue throughout the affected individual's life; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these affected males, there is an inherited bleeding disorder, Von Willebrand Disease (VWD), which affects 1 in 1 million females; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms may involve easy bruising, heavy menstrual cycles, bleeding during child birth or surgery, and the same symptoms as in males with hemophilia; and

WHEREAS, Many of these women do not know that they have VWD because they and/or their physicians are unaware of the disorder and how to test for it; and

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WHEREAS, Over the past 25 years, treatment advances for these bleeding disorders mean that now the frequent painful, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening bleeding episodes can be stopped and even prevented, and these individuals can lead full, productive lives, but in order to get treatment, they must first be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, April 17 is World Hemophilia Day, and the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) has an initiative to Light Up in Red landmark buildings around the world to raise awareness of the bleeding disorders community so that men and women with bleeding symptoms will realize that with proper diagnosis, there are treatments to stop their bleeding; and

WHEREAS, This initiative was started three years ago, and many famous landmarks have been lit up red, including Niagara Falls, the Eiffel Tower, Faneuil Hall in Boston, the television tower in Tallinn Estonia, the bridge in Brisbane, Australia, and the Sears Tower in Chicago; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders on April 17, 2017, and declaring this Hemophilia Day in the City and County of San Francisco.



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Resolution

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March 21, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and

Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/21/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned _____ Mayor

Date Approved

3/31/17

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board 3/31/14 Date