[Lead Poisoning Prevention - Recreation and Park Department]

URGING THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THE DEPARTMENT

OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF

THE COMPREHENSIVE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM, AND THAT IT

CARRY OUT THE COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS OWN "LEAD

ABATEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN."

WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning caused by exposure to lead is the number one environmental health hazard facing young children today; and,

WHEREAS, Exposure to even small amounts of lead can increase children's risks of developing permanent learning disabilities and a variety of physical and behavioral problems; and,

WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease for which there is no medical cure; and,

WHEREAS, There are significant numbers of young children who have been and who are being exposed to lead hazards in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Program) in 1992 to prevent needless suffering from this disease; and,

WHEREAS, The goals of the Program are to educate all parents and other child care givers about how to protect children from lead hazards, to provide universal screening and testing of children up to

six years of age, to develop a case management system for those found to be suffering from lead poisoning, and to make all public and private facilities in this City lead-safe for children; and,

WHEREAS, The Program set specific tasks and goals for City departments providing family and children services and operating public facilities in a coordinated effort to protect the public health and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department maintains numerous public facilities used by small children, and the Department staff has many opportunities to provide lead poisoning prevention information to the parents and child care givers it serves, particularly information regarding the importance of regular testing for lead poisoning; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health is required by the 1992 legislation to describe annually to the Board of Supervisors the efforts of all local agencies to comply with the Program and the additional actions needed to implement the Program effectively; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has made its annual report to the Board of Supervisors, and that report contains a number of recommendations for the Recreation and Park Department to implement in order to comply with the Program; and,

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department made a commitment to the Board of Supervisors at a hearing on May 5, 1998 to carry out its own "Lead Abatement Program Implementation Program;" therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Director of the Recreation and Park Department to implement the recommendations of the Department of Public Health, set forth in its Annual Report to the Board dated November 12, 1998; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Director of the Recreation and Park Department to implement fully the commitments made to the Board in the Department's Lead Abatement Program Implementation Plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director provide the Board with a written report regarding the Recreation and Park Department's progress in implementing the Department of Public Health's recommendations and carrying out its commitments in the Department's Lead Abatement Program Implementation Plan every 90 days from the effective date of this resolution.



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## Resolution

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Resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department to carry out the Department of Public Health's recommendations contained in its annual report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and that it carry out the commitments made by the Department in its own "Lead Abatement Program Implementation Plan".

February 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 22, 1999 by the **Board of Supervisors of the City and County** of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.