

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 911]

2 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 911, THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
3 DEFIBRILLATOR-INCLUSIVE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW AND URGING ALL SAN
4 FRANCISCANS TO GET INVOLVED IN LIFE-SAVING ACTIVITIES BY LEARNING TO
5 RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CARDIAC ARREST, ACTIVATE THE
6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM AND LEARN CPR.

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8 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,900 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest
9 in California every month, and 250,000 Americans die each year from
10 cardiac arrest; and,

11 WHEREAS, 95% of those who suffer cardiac arrest die before they
12 reach the hospital; and,

13 WHEREAS, Progress in improving the survival rate for sudden
14 cardiac arrest is lagging behind the survival rate for nearly all
15 other types of cardiovascular disease; and,

16 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association, the world's largest
17 voluntary not-for-profit health organization with a mission to
18 decrease disability and death from heart disease, stroke and other
19 cardiovascular disease that annually kill nearly one million
20 Americans, believes the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest can
21 be improved to 20% or higher and as many as 50,000 lives can be saved
22 each year if the chain of survival is strengthened; and,

23 WHEREAS, The four links in the cardiac arrest chain of survival
24 are early access to the emergency medical services system, early
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1 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), early defibrillation and early
2 advanced medical care; and,

3 WHEREAS, Every link in the chain of survival is critically
4 important and can increase the prospects for survival; and,

5 WHEREAS, Early defibrillation is the only treatment to correct
6 ventricular fibrillation, the most common cause of death from sudden
7 cardiac arrest; and,

8 WHEREAS, Survival from cardiac arrest is critically dependent on
9 the early defibrillation link in the chain of survival, and the
10 sooner a heart can be restarted with a life-saving electric shock -
11 defibrillation - the better the chances of recovery; and,

12 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association, the American Red Cross,
13 American College of Cardiology and others are working to remove legal
14 barriers to residents operating automated external defibrillators
15 (AEDs); and,

16 WHEREAS, SB 911 will add immunity from civil liability for a
17 trained AED user, the trainer, prescribing physician, and business or
18 facility where AED is located; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports SB
20 911, the automated external defibrillator-inclusive Good Samaritan
21 Law; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all San
23 Franciscans to get involved in life-saving activities by learning to
24 recognize the signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest, activate the
25 emergency medical system and learn CPR.

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Resolution

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Resolution supporting Senate Bill 911, the automated external defibrillator-inclusive good Samaritan law and urging all San Franciscans to get involved in life-saving activities by learning to recognize the signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest, activate the emergency medical system and learn CPR.

March 15, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Brown, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee

Absent: 5 - Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki

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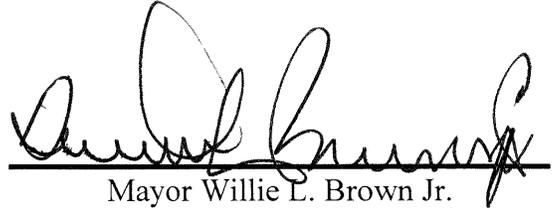
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 15, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

MAR 26 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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