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1	[National Hepatitis Awareness Month - May 2024]
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3	Resolution declaring the month of May 2024 as National Hepatitis Awareness Month in
4	the City and County of San Francisco, with the goal of raising awareness of hepatitis E
5	and C, encouraging residents to know their hepatitis status, and supporting efforts to
6	make San Francisco the first city in America to be free of hepatitis.
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8	WHEREAS, Hepatitis B and C are the leading cause of liver cancer and liver
9	transplants, liver cancer is one of the few cancers that continue to rise in California and the
10	US, and more people die in California from hepatitis B and C related liver disease than any
11	other state; and
12	WHEREAS, Chronic hepatitis B afflicts an estimated 2.2 million Americans chronically
13	and
14	WHEREAS, In the United States, the highest burden of chronic hepatitis B and
15	hepatitis B-related liver cancer is in the state of California, primarily the San Francisco Bay
16	Area where an estimated 1.78% of San Franciscans test positive for hepatitis B; and
17	WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs)
18	make up only 6.1% of the U.S. population and 36.5% of the population of the City and County
19	of San Francisco, yet they account for 58% of Americans living with hepatitis B;
20	WHEREAS, The Asian Liver Center of Stanford University reports that 1 in 12 Asian
21	Americans is chronically infected with hepatitis B;
22	WHEREAS, Hepatitis B infection and liver cancer remain the greatest health disparity
23	for Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and
24	WHEREAS, Hepatitis B is preventable with safe and effective vaccines, and hepatitis 0
25	is curable with prescribed treatment; and

1	WHEREAS, The Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan for the United States sets forth
2	a clear vision for how the United States will be a place where new viral hepatitis infections are
3	prevented, where every person knows their status, and every person with viral hepatitis has
4	high-quality health care and treatment and lives free from stigma and discrimination; and
5	WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all adults
6	get tested for hepatitis B and hepatitis C at least once in their lifetime and pregnant women
7	get tested during each pregnancy; and
8	WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended
9	universal hepatitis B vaccination among all adults ages 19 to 59 years and adults ages 60 and
10	older with risk factors for hepatitis B or without identified risk factors but seeking protection;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, With passage of California State Assembly Bill No. 789 (Low, 2021), the
13	State of California requires primary care providers to offer adult patients a hepatitis B and C
14	screening test and to provide follow up health care or a referral to follow-up health care if the
15	screening test is positive; and
16	WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a history of innovative and
17	ambitious public health efforts geared toward addressing and leveling health inequities and
18	disparities, and was the first city to create a community-based hepatitis B virus education and
19	awareness model recognized by the US Department of Health and Human Services; and
20	WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a leader in the nation for hepatitis B prevention
21	efforts with Chinese Hospital holding the first community screenings and San Francisco
22	General Hospital providing the first universal infant immunizations in America; and
23	WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution
24	No. 659-06 in November 2006 establishing the "goal of universal hepatitis B screening and
25	vaccination for Asian and Pacific Islander residents of San Francisco," and the San Francisco

2	Resolution No. 16-06 in December 2006; and
3	WHEREAS, SF Hep B Free - Bay Area was created in 2007 as one of the first
4	municipal hepatitis B awareness campaigns in the country and has grown into one of the
5	largest healthcare campaigns for Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and
6	WHEREAS, In partnership with local health entities such as North East Medical
7	Services (NEMS), a federally qualified health center focused on serving underserved AANHPI
8	communities in the San Francisco Bay Area, SF Hep B Free - Bay Area continues to increase
9	awareness and provide education about hepatitis B within the community and among health
10	care providers, increase access to affordable testing and vaccination, and provide linkage to
11	care for chronically affected individuals; and
12	WHEREAS, In 2024, five San Francisco Bay Area organizations, including North East
13	Medical Services, Chinese Hospital, Asian Health Services, San Francisco AIDS Foundation,
14	and SF Hep B Free, secured financial support from the first-ever adult hepatitis B funding from
15	the California State Legislature to provide innovative and culturally competent hepatitis B
16	education, testing, and care services in collaboration with trusted community partners; now,
17	therefore, be it
18	RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares May 2024 as
19	National Hepatitis Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco, with the goal of
20	raising awareness of hepatitis B and C, encouraging residents to know their hepatitis status,
21	and supporting efforts to make San Francisco the first city in America to be free of hepatitis;
22	and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends all

the dedicated organizations, volunteers, activists, those with lived experience, and those who

Health Commission unanimously passed a companion resolution endorsing that goal,

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1	strive for health justice, serving San Francisco with their advocacy and prevention efforts for
2	hepatitis B and C; and, be it
3	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges all
4	healthcare institutions and providers to ensure full implementation of the mandate to offer
5	hepatitis B and C screening, follow up care and treatment, or linkage to appropriate care and
6	treatment to all California adults, and to increase clinician education on the importance
7	hepatitis screenings and adult vaccinations for hepatitis B, and when appropriate, care and
8	treatment; and, be it
9	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges all San
10	Franciscans to know their viral hepatitis status and get linked to appropriate care and
11	treatment, particularly those in the most vulnerable communities.
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