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[Lead Poisoning Prevention - Unified School District] URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 LEAD SAFE FACILITIES AND LEAD DANGER EDUCATION POLICY ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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 Board of Supervisors passed resolutions in 1992 and 1996 urging the Unified School District (District) to participate in the comprehensive lead poisoning prevention effort set forth in the Program that it enacted; and,

WHEREAS, The District operates a state licensed and subsidized child development program providing care for several thousand young children under age six for twelve months of the year for up to eleven hours a day in 43 facilities located in older District buildings, many of which contain lead paint; and,

WHEREAS, The District's staff has many opportunities to provide lead poisoning prevention information to the parents and care givers of children enrolled in the District's programs, 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 District to implement in order to more effectively carry out the Program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the District 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 District to implement fully the Lead Safe Facilities and Lead Danger Education Policy adopted by the Board of Education; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent provide the Board with a written report regarding the District's progress in implementing the Department of Public Health's recommendations and carrying out the District's Lead Safe Facilities and Lead Danger Education Policy within 180 days from the effective date of this resolution.



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Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District 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 lead safe facilities and lead danger education policy adopted by the school district.

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.