[Tobacco Settlement]

SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR TOBACCO EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES AND URGING THAT \$1 MILLION PER YEAR OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS BE DEDICATED TO TOBACCO EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, The tobacco companies are targeting youth, smoking rates are rising among youth and new government data shows that smoking among U.S. high school students has increased by one-third during the last six years - from 27.5% in 1991 to 36.4% in 1997; and,

WHEREAS, The rate of youth smoking in San Francisco has increased, up 18.7% among high school students from 1992 to 1997; and,

WHEREAS, Communities of color are targets of heavy tobacco advertising that contribute to higher morbidity and morality rates due to lung cancer, asthma and stokes; and,

WHEREAS, Tobacco education, prevention and control services are substantially more cost effective than health care for tobacco related disease and disability; and,

WHEREAS, Currently the Proposition 99 Tobacco tax funding guidelines only allow for 10 % of the annual allocation to be spent on cessation services, which is not adequate to meet the demand for services; and,

WHEREAS, Fires caused by cigarettes in the past 19 months have resulted in the loss of over 230 unites in Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has tobacco laws, but no stable funding for enforcement and by allocating funds, laws will be more vigorously enforced; and,

Association, American Lung Association, Booker T. Washington
Community Service Center, Columbia Park Boys and Girls Club, Homeless
Prenatal Program, Mission Agenda, Mission Housing Development
Corporation, South of Market Council, San Francisco League of Urban
Gardeners, the San Francisco African American Tobacco Free Project
and the San Francisco Tobacco Free Coalition and others have a wealth
of information regarding the influence of tobacco promotion on minors
and the public in general; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports tobacco prevention, education and control services, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges that \$1 million of new revenues per year resulting from the Attorney General tobacco lawsuit settlement be dedicated to tobacco education, prevention and control efforts, such as funding community based comprehensive tobacco control programs and training and technical assistance; financing prompt access to tobacco cessation services;

and enforcing existing and future city, state, and federal tobacco control laws; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That funds should be expended according to comprehensive tobacco control guidelines designed to change social norms and based on research on effective approaches that reduce tobacco prevalence such as community based interventions, media advocacy, and policy development.



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Resolution supporting funding for tobacco education, prevention and control services and urging that \$1 million per year of tobacco settlement funds be dedicated to tobacco education, prevention and control efforts.

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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 June 14, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Jean Lum

Adting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.