

1 [Urging the FDA to document their press release stating marijuana has no medical use]

2 **Resolution urging the Food and Drug Administration to fully explain and support with**  
3 **scientific facts the agency's April 20, 2006 press release, which stated "no sound**  
4 **scientific studies supported medical use of marijuana for treatment in the United**  
5 **States, and no animal or human data supported the safety or efficacy of marijuana for**  
6 **general medical use."**

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9 WHEREAS, On April 20, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a  
10 press release, which stated "no sound scientific studies supported medical use of marijuana  
11 for treatment in the United States, and no animal or human data supported the safety or  
12 efficacy of marijuana for general medical use"; and

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14 WHEREAS, The press release stated that the evaluations previously performed  
15 negated the benefits of medical marijuana, yet the press release lacked any substantial  
16 documentation of this claim and did not cite any scientific facts or studies; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) published a report at the request  
18 of the White House Office of national Drug Control Policy, which concluded that marijuana's  
19 active components are potentially effective in treating pain, nausea, the anorexia of AIDS  
20 wasting, and other symptoms, and that marijuana should be tested rigorously in clinical trials;  
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, The FDA is charged with protecting the public health, but the agency has  
23 failed to respond adequately to the IOM's findings seven years after the study was published;  
24 and,

1           WHEREAS, The FDA's Investigational New Drug (IND) Compassionate Access  
2 Program allows patients with certain medical conditions to apply with the FDA to receive  
3 federal marijuana, in direct contradiction of the FDA's press release; and

4           WHEREAS, Several members of congress, including Maurice D. Hinchey, Ron Paul,  
5 Barney Frank, and Sam Farr, have written a letter to Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., the  
6 acting commissioner of the FDA urging him to fully explain and support with scientific facts  
7 the April 20<sup>th</sup> press release; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
9 urges San Francisco's congressional representatives to sign the letter to the FDA; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
11 Francisco urges the Food and Drug Administration to fully explain and support with scientific  
12 facts the agency's April 20, 2006 press release, which stated "no sound scientific studies  
13 supported medical use of marijuana for treatment in the United States, and no animal or  
14 human data supported the safety or efficacy of marijuana for general medical use"; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the FDA to inform the  
16 public whether the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) or any other federal agencies aside from  
17 the ones mentioned in the press release had a role in the evaluation; and, be it

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the FDA to rescind its  
19 statement denying the medical uses of marijuana if it is unable to substantiate the claim with  
20 any scientific fact or clinical trials.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 16, 2006 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 Gavin Newsom