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[Hepatitis Screening Month]

Resolution declaring November 2005 to be "Hepatitis Screening Month" in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, November marks Hepatitis Screening Month, dedicated to preventing and treating Hepatitis B, a viral liver disease that disproportionately affects the Asian American community; and,

WHEREAS, approximately one in 10 Asian Americans is chronically infected with the hepatitis B virus, highest among all ethnic groups and 50 times higher than the general U.S. population; and,

WHEREAS, chronic hepatitis B can lead to serious complications that are both debilitating and life-threatening, among which are cirrhosis, liver cancer and liver failure; and,

WHEREAS, not surprisingly, the rates of these complications are also higher among Asian Americans; and,

WHEREAS, despite the existence of an effective vaccine and numerous efforts in raising awareness, Asian Americans remain one of the groups most significantly affected by hepatitis B; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares November 2005 to be "Hepatitis Screening Month" in the City and County of San Francisco.



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November 22, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

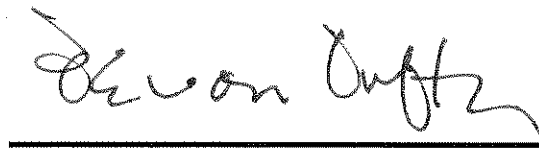
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 22, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Gavin Newsom