

1 [Skin Cancer Screening]

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3 **Resolution commending University of California San Francisco Department of**
4 **Dermatology and the American Academy of Dermatology for sponsoring May 6, 2006**
5 **free skin cancer screening at the U.C.S.F. Mount Zion campus.**

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7 WHEREAS, More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed this year and
8 nearly 11,000 people will die from skin cancer, yet skin cancer averages a cure rate of 95%
9 with early detection; and,

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11 WHEREAS, Actinic keratoses are a common skin condition that, if left untreated, can
12 progress to a type of invasive skin cancer called squamous cell carcinoma, the second
13 leading cause of skin cancer deaths in the United States; and,

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15 WHEREAS, Actinic keratoses affect more than ten million Americans including not only
16 fair-skinned people living in sunny climates, but those with poor immune systems, such as
17 people who have received organ transplants or those with HIV, and often non-fair-skinned
18 people as well; and,

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20 WHEREAS, scientific studies indicate that early detection of actinic keratoses occurs less
21 in the African American population, underscoring the need for screening to detect actinic
22 keratoses in order to provide effective, early treatment; and,

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24 WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and
25 Prevention Month by the American Academy of Dermatology; and,

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WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology, in order to raise awareness of skin cancer detection and prevention, will attempt to break A Guinness World Record for the most people screened for skin cancer in a single day on May 6, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the UCSF Department of Dermatology, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, and the American Academy of Dermatology have proudly joined together to promote a free skin cancer screening on May 6 as part of a nationwide goal to screen 5,606 people for skin cancer in a single day and set the new world record for such screenings; and,

WHEREAS, the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) will offer this free skin cancer screening on May 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UCSF Medical Center at Mount Zion, 1701 Divisadero Street, third floor in San Francisco, and no appointment is necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages all persons to attend the free skin cancer screening at UCSF Mount Zion on Saturday, May 6; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the UCSF Department of Dermatology and the American Academy of Dermatology for providing this valuable community service.