

1 [Acupuncture for Drug Treatment]

2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND ITS PILOT
3 PROGRAM USING ACUPUNCTURE TO TREAT DRUG ADDICTION

4 WHEREAS, State Senator John Burton and Assemblywoman Carole
5 Migden sponsored legislation in 1997 including acupuncture as an
6 authorized health care treatment under the California Workers
7 Compensations System; and,

8 WHEREAS, A 1998 University of Stanford study shows that seventy
9 percent of Americans now turn to acupuncture and other alternative
10 forms of medicine; and,

11 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has found acupuncture
12 effective for the treatment of over forty-three conditions including
13 allergies, asthma, back pain, colds and flu, depression, infertility,
14 insomnia, and stress; and,

15 WHEREAS, Lincoln Hospital, a city funded hospital in Bronx, New
16 York, is using acupuncture as an alternative to methadone for
17 treating heroin addiction; and,

18 WHEREAS, Retention and success rates for this program, which has
19 been emulated in over 1000 clinic worldwide, are as high as 60
20 percent; and,

21 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is now used in over twenty states and 800
22 drug dependency clinics; and

23 WHEREAS, Eighty-nine percent of nonviolent drug users in the
24 Miami Drug Court treated with acupuncture remain unarrested for at
25 least 1 year compared to ten percent using traditional methods; and,

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Sheriff's Department has implemented
2 a pilot program in the San Francisco Jails using acupuncture and
3 herbs to treat drug addiction; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors for the City and County
5 of San Francisco does hereby urge the San Francisco Sheriff's
6 Department to expand its pilot program using acupuncture to treat
7 drug addiction.

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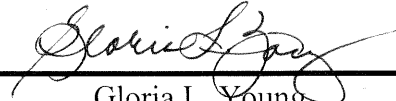
October 12, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yee

Absent: 2 - Katz, Yaki

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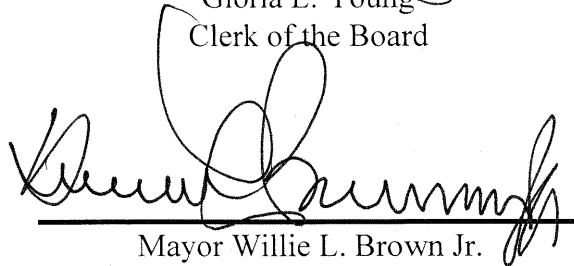
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 12, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.