

1 [Dr. Stanley Prusiner]
 2 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6TH AS DR. STANLEY PRUSINER DAY TO COMMEMORATE DR.
 3 PRUSINER RECEIVING THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE FOR HIS PIONEERING WORK IN
 4 BRAIN RESEARCH.

5 WHEREAS, Sweden's renowned Karolinska Institute awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine to
 6 Dr. Stanley Prusiner on October 6th 1997, for his pioneering work in identifying a new germ class that
 7 causes "Mad Cow Disease" and other brain-wasting diseases; and,

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Prusiner, a professor of neurology, biochemistry and biophysics at the
 9 University of California, San Francisco, joins 30 other Nobel laureates in the UC system, becoming
 10 UCSF's third Nobel laureate for medicine, along with microbiologists J. Michael Bishop and Harold
 11 Varmus; and,

12 WHEREAS, Prions, discovered by Dr. Prusiner in 1982, not only causes "Mad Cow Disease" in
 13 cattle, but can also cause fatal brain and nervous system ailments in humans who eat infected meat; and,

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Prusiner's groundbreaking prion theory has provided public health experts
 15 with information on how to alter animal husbandry practices to help block the spread of potentially fatal
 16 animal diseases in the U.S. food supply; and,

17 WHEREAS, Prion theory has lead the Federal Food and Drug Administration to ban the use of
 18 slaughter house scraps in animal feed and fertilizer to further protect the U.S. food supply; and,

19 WHEREAS, Prion theory is a tool to develop medical and drug treatments in degenerative brain
 20 disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's and Lou Gehrig's Disease; now, therefore, be
 21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim and recognize October 6th as
 23 Dr. Stanley Prusiner Day, to commemorate the Nobel laureate's important medical contribution to the
 24 world; and, be it

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SUPERVISORS
 GAVIN NEWSOM *Kaufman*, TENG
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors asks that a copy of this commendation
2 be sent to Dr. Prusiner.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco October 5, 1998

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Kaufman Leno Newsom Teng
Yee

Absent: Supervisors Bierman Katz Medina Yaki

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors
of the City and County of San Francisco


Clerk

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Mayor