

1 [EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AT NIGHT CLUBS]
2 URGING SAN FRANCISCO NIGHT CLUBS AND DANCE SPACES TO PROVIDE
3 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS OR APPROPRIATE LICENSED MEDICAL
4 PERSONNEL ON SITE FOR LARGE DANCE EVENTS.

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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 recently held a hearing on Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB) and determined that GHB when
8 mixed with alcohol has been responsible for many deaths in San Francisco and around the
9 nation; and,

10 WHEREAS, Despite the number of GHB related deaths, there are many GHB
11 advocates which support GHB use under certain conditions, and their message is made
12 available over the Internet, in books and newsletters; and,

13 WHEREAS, The chemicals to create GHB are easily accessible over the Internet and
14 by local sellers due to the chemicals widespread use for other purposes; and,

15 WHEREAS, Due to the ease of purchasing GHB and conflicting messages about the
16 risk of GHB, the Board of Supervisors determined that GHB will be a feature of society that is
17 not easily eradicated and appropriate steps to address GHB risks need to be taken to reduce
18 GHB related deaths; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco night clubs and dance events have witnessed many of the
20 overdoses and deaths attributed to GHB and other substances; and,

21 WHEREAS, Many of these deaths could have been prevented if an appropriate
22 medical professional had been on site to determine the need for an ambulance, or
23 appropriate medical care; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In addition to GHB, some dance events have medical emergencies
2 related to other narcotics such as Ecstasy, LSD, Ketomine, or drugs that have been mixed
3 with unintended toxic substances; and,

4 WHEREAS, Many night club managers and dance event promoters have already
5 responded to this crises by hiring medical professionals to monitor their events, but many
6 have not hired such professionals, creating an uneven burden of costs on responsible
7 promoters and managers; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is
9 currently considering the appeals of the medical community, concerned club promoters and
10 concerned individuals to require that dance events of a certain size hire a licensed EMT or an
11 appropriate medical personnel to monitor such events; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 strongly urges night club managers and dance event promoters within the City of San
14 Francisco to provide a licensed EMT or an appropriate medical personnel to monitor large
15 dance events.



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Resolution urging the San Francisco night clubs and dance spaces to provide emergency medical technicians or appropriate licensed medical personnel on site for large dance events.

January 31, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 31, 2000 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.