

1 [World Hepatitis Day - July 28]

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3 **Resolution recognizing July 28 as World Hepatitis Day in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Worldwide over 500 million people are chronically infected with viral
7 hepatitis, and in the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates up
8 to 2.2 million people are chronically infected with hepatitis B and 3.9 million are chronically
9 infected with hepatitis C; and

10 WHEREAS, In California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) estimates
11 350,000 are chronically infected with hepatitis B and 750,000 are chronically infected with
12 hepatitis C; and

13 WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis can lead to liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure
14 and death, and the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that each year approximately
15 1.5 million people worldwide die of hepatitis B- and C-related liver disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Chronic hepatitis B and C infections cause over 50 percent of liver
17 cirrhosis cases and over 80 percent of all liver cancer cases; and

18 WHEREAS, Among comparable jurisdictions within California, San Francisco County
19 had the highest rates of newly reported cases of chronic hepatitis B and C in 2011, and the
20 CDC reports that liver cancer from hepatitis B and C kills more people in the San Francisco
21 Bay Area than elsewhere in the U.S.; and

22 WHEREAS, Hepatitis B infects as many as 1 in 10 of San Francisco's Asian and
23 Pacific Islander residents and additionally, disproportionately affects African and Central-
24 European immigrants; and

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1 WHEREAS, Hepatitis C disproportionately affects Baby Boomers, African-Americans,
2 Latinos, Native Americans, veterans, injection drug users, those who are incarcerated, and
3 low-income residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Through campaigns to raise public awareness about viral hepatitis, access
5 to screening for hepatitis B and C, and linkage to appropriate care, San Franciscans can learn
6 their viral hepatitis status and take measures to prevent and/or treat hepatitis infections; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2010 the WHO declared July 28 as World Hepatitis Day (WHD), one of
8 only four official disease-specific world health days, and millions of people in over 100
9 countries now celebrate the day by taking part in events to raise awareness about viral
10 hepatitis and promote access to screening, treatment and prevention; and

11 WHEREAS, The theme for World Hepatitis Day 2016, “Elimination,” is to honor the
12 WHO goal to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, and a global elimination
13 movement called “NOhep” will be launched on WHD 2016. Advocates in San Francisco will
14 participate in the movement by holding a press briefing and free hepatitis B and C screenings
15 on WHD 2016; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares July 28,
17 2016, as World Hepatitis Day in San Francisco; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares
19 July 28 of subsequent years to be recognized as World Hepatitis Day in San Francisco, until
20 hepatitis B and C have been effectively eliminated.

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