

1 [Lead Poisoning Prevention - Department of Public Health]  
2 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CARRY OUT THE  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
5 COMPREHENSIVE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM.  
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7 WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning caused by exposure to lead is  
8 the number one environmental health hazard facing young children  
9 today; and,

10 WHEREAS, Exposure to even small amounts of lead can increase  
11 children's risks of developing permanent learning disabilities and a  
12 variety of physical and behavioral problems; and,

13 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease for  
14 which there is no medical cure; and,

15 WHEREAS, There are significant numbers of young children who  
16 have been and who are being exposed to lead hazards in San Francisco;  
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors enacted the Comprehensive  
19 Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Program) in 1992 to  
20 prevent needless suffering from this disease; and,

21 WHEREAS, The goals of the Program are to educate all parents and  
22 other child care givers about how to protect children from lead  
23 hazards, to provide universal screening and testing of children up to  
24 six years of age, to develop a case management system for those found  
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1 to be suffering from lead poisoning, and to make all public and  
2 private facilities in this City lead-safe for children; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Program set specific tasks and goals for City  
4 departments providing family and children services and operating  
5 public facilities in a coordinated effort to protect the public  
6 health and welfare; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health staff has many  
8 opportunities to provide lead poisoning prevention information to the  
9 parents and other child care givers which they serve, particularly  
10 information regarding the importance of regular testing for lead  
11 poisoning; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health is required by the 1992  
13 legislation to describe annually to the Board of Supervisors the  
14 efforts of all local agencies to comply with the Program and the  
15 additional actions needed to implement the Program effectively; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has made its annual  
17 report to the Board of Supervisors, and that report contains a number  
18 of recommendations for the Department to implement in order to more  
19 effectively carry out the Program; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Director of  
21 the Department of Public Health to implement the recommendations set  
22 forth in its Annual Report to the Board dated November 12, 1998; and,  
23 be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director provide the Board with a  
25 written report regarding the Department's progress in implementing

1 the recommendations within 180 days from the effective date of this  
2 resolution.

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Resolution

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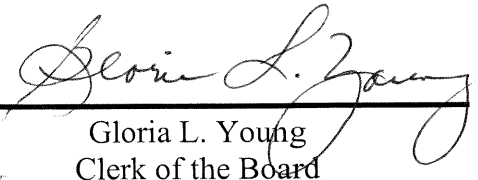
Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to carry out the recommendations contained its Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the effective implementation of the comprehensive lead poisoning prevention program.

March 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

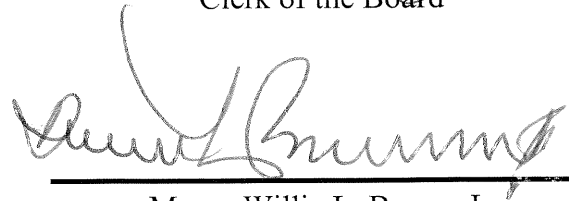
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 1, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.