

1 [Supporting the California Children and Families First Initiative]
2 SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST INITIATIVE TO
3 FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH PROGRAMS BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY
4 CENTS TAX TO EACH PACK OF CIGARETTES SOLD IN CALIFORNIA.

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6 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that the emotional, physical and
7 intellectual experiences of children up to the age of three years
8 have a profound effect on brain growth and development; and,

9 WHEREAS, Children who do not receive adequate health care or
10 nutrition, or who are subjected to neglect or abuse, do not develop
11 at the rate of their peers and are thus behind when they enter
12 school. Children who do not overcome such disadvantages are more
13 prone to drug use and involvement with gangs as they go through
14 school; and,

15 WHEREAS, Smoking by pregnant women presents a significant risk
16 to fetal development, and exposure to second-hand smoke represents a
17 major cause of illness for infants and young children; and,

18 WHEREAS, Public agencies provide a range of programs to serve
19 children after they enter school, yet only minimal funding is
20 available for programs which provide services for children under
21 three years old; and,

22 WHEREAS, The California Children and Families First Initiative
23 will create the first major statewide program focused on delivering
24 services most needed by pregnant women and families with children,
25 specifically children under five years of age, including: pre- and

1 postnatal maternal and infant nutrition services; child
2 immunizations, child care skills for parents and caregivers; domestic
3 violence intervention, prevention and treatment; child development,
4 health care and social services not provided by existing programs;
5 and education and training on the avoidance of tobacco, drugs and
6 alcohol during pregnancy; and,

7 WHEREAS, The California Children and Families First Initiative
8 will provide funding for these programs through imposition of a fifty
9 cent tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in California; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the California
12 Children and Families First Initiative to fund early childhood health
13 programs by adding an additional fifty cents tax to each pack of
14 cigarettes sold in California.

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Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Bierman Brown Katz Kaufman Leno
Medina Newsom Teng Yaki

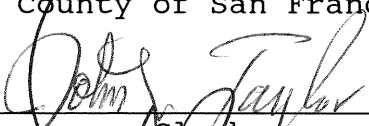

Absent: Supervisor Yee

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

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Date Approved


Clerk

Mayor