

1 [Declaring May 6, 2000 Wendy Marx Day and Organ and Tissue Donor Day in San Francisco]  
2 DECLARING May 6, 2000 WENDY MARX DAY AND ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR DAY IN  
3 SAN FRANCISCO

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5 WHEREAS, As of March 19, 2000 there were 68,530 patients on the United Network for  
6 Organ Sharing waiting list for organ transplants; and,

7 WHEREAS, For every patient who gets the organ he or she needs, two more people in need  
8 of organs are added to the waiting list; and,

9 WHEREAS, Less than one-half of those on the waiting list today will ever receive a  
10 transplant because the supply of organs is so limited; and,

11 WHEREAS, Sadly, approximately 5,000 patients will die in 2000, or some 13 people per  
12 day, because an organ did not come in time; and,

13 WHEREAS, Just one organ and tissue donor can provide 7 live saving organs and quality  
14 enhancing tissues for another 20 persons; and,

15 WHEREAS, In November of 1989, doctors were saying that then 22 year old San Francisco  
16 resident, Wendy Marx, still and silent in a coma, had just 24 hours to live because her liver had been  
17 destroyed by Hepatitis B; and,

18 WHEREAS, Against all odds, an organ donor became available, and a liver transplant took  
19 place, saving her life; and,

20 WHEREAS, Together with Olympic champion and family friend Carl Marx, Wendy Marx  
21 established the non-profit Wendy Marx Foundation for Organ Donor Awareness to spread a message  
22 of hope for others awaiting organ transplants, and to educate the public about the critical need for  
23 organ donors; and,

24 WHEREAS, Wendy Marx's brother, Pulitzer Prize winner Jeffrey Marx, has written a book  
25 highlighting the struggles Wendy has undergone, and is embarking on a book signing tour starting

1 on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 in San Francisco; now therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco declares May 6, 2000 Wendy Marx  
3 Day and Organ and Tissue Donor Day in San Francisco.  
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April 3, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee  
Absent: 3 - Bierman, Brown, Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 3, 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.