

1 [Proclaiming June 15, 2004 as Prescription Drug Awareness Day.]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming June 15, 2004 as Prescription Drug Awareness Day in the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Seniors make up just 13% of the population but pay 43% of California's
7 drug costs; and

8 WHEREAS, Spending on prescriptions has doubled since 1998 to \$184 billion; and,

9 WHEREAS, The new Medicare Drug Discount Cards are complex and difficult for
10 seniors to understand; and,

11 WHEREAS, Seniors do not have enough useful information about their options for
12 prescription medication; and,

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Aging and Adult Services Commission states that with
14 the passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, some seniors may soon be paying
15 thousands of dollars per year for their medication; and,

16 WHEREAS, A coalition of public and private groups, including the Senior Action
17 Network, the San Francisco Organizing Project, Bethel AME Church, and Planning For
18 Elders, among many others, are waging a campaign to raise awareness about crucial issues
19 surrounding prescription drugs; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 hereby proclaim the day of Tuesday, June 15, 2004 as Prescription Drug Awareness Day.

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