

1 [Hepatitis Screening Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring November 2005 to be “ Hepatitis Screening Month” in the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, November marks Hepatitis Screening Month, dedicated to preventing and  
7 treating Hepatitis B, a viral liver disease that disproportionately affects the Asian American  
8 community; and,

9 WHEREAS, approximately one in 10 Asian Americans is chronically infected with the  
10 hepatitis B virus, highest among all ethnic groups and 50 times higher than the general U.S.  
11 population; and,

12 WHEREAS, chronic hepatitis B can lead to serious complications that are both  
13 debilitating and life-threatening, among which are cirrhosis, liver cancer and liver failure; and,

14 WHEREAS, not surprisingly, the rates of these complications are also higher among  
15 Asian Americans; and,

16 WHEREAS, despite the existence of an effective vaccine and numerous efforts in  
17 raising awareness, Asian Americans remain one of the groups most significantly affected by  
18 hepatitis B; now, therefore be it,

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares November 2005 to be “Hepatitis  
20 Screening Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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