

1 [Supporting Medical Use of Marijuana Act]  
2 SUPPORTING H.R. 912 TO MOVE MARIJUANA FROM SCHEDULE I OF THE  
3 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO SCHEDULE II OF THE CONTROLLED  
4 SUBSTANCES ACT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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6 WHEREAS, Marijuana used for medical purposes can relieve severely ill persons from  
7 nausea and pain; and,

8 WHEREAS, Proposition 215, The Compassionate Use Act, was passed by California  
9 voters in November 1996 to exempt from criminal prosecution patients and defined caregivers  
10 who possess or cultivate marijuana for medical treatment recommended by a physician; and,

11 WHEREAS, The states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Nevada have  
12 passed measures which would allow for the medical use of marijuana under certain  
13 circumstances; and,

14 WHEREAS, The United States District Court has previously issued preliminary  
15 injunctions ordering the closure of local marijuana clubs that had allowed the sale of  
16 marijuana for medicinal purposes; and,

17 WHEREAS, California's Compassionate Use Act encourages the federal government  
18 to implement a plan to provide for the safe and affordable distribution of marijuana to all  
19 patients in medical need of marijuana; and

20 WHEREAS, The Controlled Substances Act, a federal law, currently lists marijuana as  
21 a Schedule I Controlled Substance; and,

22 WHEREAS, Medical Doctors are hesitant to prescribe and patients are hesitant to use  
23 marijuana for medical purposes because they may face federal prosecution under the  
24 Controlled Substances Act for use of a Schedule I Controlled Substance; and,

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           WHEREAS, Medical Doctors are able to prescribe and patients are able to use  
2 Controlled Substances listed under Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act; and,

3           WHEREAS, Representative Barney Frank has introduced H.R. 912, the "Medical Use  
4 of Marijuana Act" in the House of Representatives in order to move marijuana from Schedule  
5 I to Schedule II under the Controlled Substances Act; and,

6           WHEREAS, H.R. 912 would allow states to develop a system for production of  
7 marijuana for medical use without violating the Controlled Substances Act; and,

8           WHEREAS, Moving marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II would allow states to  
9 determine for themselves the legality of using marijuana for strictly medical purposes; and,

10          WHEREAS, H.R. 912 would benefit the citizens of California and allow them to carry  
11 out the intent of current state law; now, therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports H.R. 912, the Medical Use of  
13 Marijuana Act, and urges its passage; and, be it

14          FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Honorable  
15 Mayor of San Francisco to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives with a  
16 request the United States Congress take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this  
17 legislation.



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## Tails

## Resolution

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**File Number:** 990452

**Date Passed:**

Resolution supporting HR 912 to move marijuana from Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act to Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act in order to provide for the use of medical marijuana.

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March 15, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Brown, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee

Absent: 5 - Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 15, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

MAR 26 1999

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.