

1 [Flu Vaccine]

2 **Resolution urging private companies that received flu vaccines to loan their remaining**
3 **supplies to the Department of Public Health to distribute to clinics and hospitals**
4 **servng the most vulnerable populations, including the elderly, chronically ill, pregnant**
5 **women, people living with AIDS and others with compromised immune systems.**

6 WHEREAS, The nation is experiencing an acute shortage of flu vaccine this season
7 due to difficulties in producing a slow-growing strain of the virus; and,

8 WHEREAS, Normally, health care providers and others who order the flu vaccine
9 receive the vaccine in August or September; and,

10 WHEREAS, This year, when the flu vaccine became available in October, distributors
11 gave priority to large corporate purchasers, rather than targeting hospitals, private physicians
12 and clinics that serve the most at-risk populations; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Hospital Council of Northern California reported that as of this week,
14 not a single hospital in San Francisco have the vaccine in supply, which has caused the
15 cancellation or delay of inoculations at area hospitals and clinics serving the most at-risk; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health, which received only a third of its
17 requested supply, has issued a call to all healthy individuals who are not in the groups at high
18 risk for the flu to delay their inoculations until December, after the most vulnerable receive
19 their vaccines; and,

20 WHEREAS, Despite the Department of Public Health's pleas in face of the shortage,
21 some private corporations have offered flu shots at chain stores, not distinguishing individual
22 recipients' degrees of vulnerability, and some companies have inoculated their mostly young
23 and healthy employees at various work sites; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The California Medical Association has warned that if the limited supplies
2 of flu vaccine are not targeted for the most at-risk, it is likely that there will be a higher
3 incidence of flu among the most vulnerable populations, resulting in more pneumonia and
4 unnecessary deaths; no, therefore, be it,

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 hereby urges private companies that received flu vaccines to loan their remaining supplies to
7 the Department of Public Health to distribute to clinics and hospitals serving the most
8 vulnerable populations, including the elderly, chronically ill, pregnant women, people living
9 with AIDS and others with compromised immune systems.

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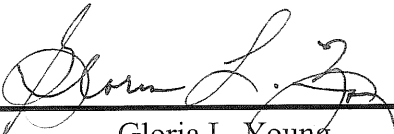
November 6, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
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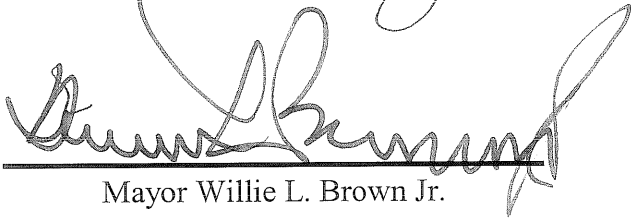
Absent: 2 - Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 6, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved