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Resolution declaring February 15 through 22, 2003 as "Medical Marijuana Awareness Week" in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, On November 6, 1996, the voters passed the California Compassionate Use Act (Proposition 215). In January 1997, Judge Garcia of San Francisco ruled that cannabis dispensaries could operate under the guidelines of Prop. 215 as long as they followed specific required procedures; and

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2002, the California Supreme Court ruled, "The possession and cultivation of marijuana is no more criminal -- so long as [the law's] conditions are satisfied -- than the possession and acquisition of any prescription drug with a physician's prescription;" and

WHEREAS, States like California that passed medical marijuana referenda must be accountable for implementing the voters' will; and

WHEREAS, thousands of seriously and critically ill patients who currently rely on safe access to medical marijuana in 8 States that allow it are under threat of Federal arrest and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, On September 6th, 1988, after 16 years of court battles, the DEA's chief administrative law judge, Francis L. Young, ruled: "Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known.... [T]he provisions of the [Controlled Substances] Act permit and require the transfer of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II... It would be unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious for DEA to continue to stand between those sufferers and the benefits of this substance;" and

WHEREAS, Top DEA bureaucrats rejected Judge Young's ruling and refused to reschedule marijuana; and

WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine's 1999 report on medical marijuana commissioned by the White House states, "The accumulated data indicate a potential therapeutic value for cannabinoid drugs, particularly for symptoms such as pain relief, control of nausea and vomiting, and appetite stimulation;" and

WHEREAS, The voters that passed Proposition 215 have been given confusing and inaccurate information by the DEA and the ONDCP in order to lessen the critique of DEA raids that threaten the safe access by seriously ill patients of the medical marijuana recommended by their physicians; and

WHEREAS, Voters deserve to know accurate and clear information on who uses and benefits from the use of marijuana as medicine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors designates February 15 through 22, 2003 as Medical Marijuana Awareness Week.



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]	File No. 030225	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 18, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.