

1 [Urging GlaxoSmithKline to Resume Supplying Prescription Drugs to Canadian Pharmacies
2 that sell to U.S. Prescription Holders.]

3 **Resolution urging GlaxoSmithKline to reconsider its decision to stop distribution of**
4 **prescription drugs to Canadian pharmacies that sell to U.S. customers.**
5

6 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2003, GlaxoSmithKline, the world's second largest drug
7 maker, stopped shipping its prescription drugs to Canadian pharmacies that sell to American
8 prescription holders on the Internet and will not resume shipment of supplies until these
9 pharmacies stop filling U.S. prescriptions; and

10 WHEREAS, The cost of many prescription drugs are prohibitively expensive especially
11 for people on fixed incomes and who do not have insurance; and,

12 WHEREAS, Approximately one-third of senior citizens in the United States are without
13 prescription drug insurance; and,

14 WHEREAS, The General Accounting Office of the United States estimates that a U.S.
15 consumer pays on average one-third more for a prescription drug than a consumer pays for
16 an identical drug in another country; and,

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 1 million American senior citizens purchase prescription
18 medications from Canadian pharmacies; and

19 WHEREAS, For many low income seniors, purchasing prescription drugs from
20 Canadian pharmacies at a discount is the only way they can afford to buy the medication they
21 need to stay healthy; and,

22 WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Pete Stark of California along with 21 members of
23 Congress have sent GlaxoSmithKline a letter urging it to reconsider its decision; and,
24

25
Sandoval

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, A national boycott of GlaxoSmithKline products will begin on February 20,
2 2003 to demonstrate the dissatisfaction of the American public with GlaxoSmithKline’s policies
3 regarding distribution; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 urges the Chief Executive Office of GlaxoSmithKline, Jean-Pierre Garnier, to reconsider the
6 decision to stop distribution of supplies to Canadian pharmacies selling prescription drugs to
7 U.S. customers; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco urges everyone interested in this issue to support the national boycott of
10 GlaxoSmithKline products until this issue is satisfactorily resolved.