

1 [Lead Poisoning Prevention - Water Department]
2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO WATER DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO
4 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF
5 THE COMPREHENSIVE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM.

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7 WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning caused by exposure to lead is
8 the number one environmental health hazard facing young children
9 today; and,

10 WHEREAS, Exposure to even small amounts of lead can increase
11 children's risks of developing permanent learning disabilities and a
12 variety of physical and behavioral problems; and,

13 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease for
14 which there is no medical cure; and,

15 WHEREAS, There are significant numbers of young children who
16 have been and who are being exposed to lead hazards in San Francisco;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors enacted the Comprehensive
19 Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Program) in 1992 to
20 prevent needless suffering from this disease; and,

21 WHEREAS, The goals of the Program are to educate all parents and
22 other child care givers about how to protect children from lead
23 hazards, to provide universal screening and testing of children up to
24 six years of age, to develop a case management system for those found

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1 to be suffering from lead poisoning, and to make all public and
2 private facilities in this City lead-safe for children; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Program set specific tasks and goals for City
4 departments providing family and children services and operating
5 public facilities in a coordinated effort to protect the public
6 health and welfare; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Water Department staff has many opportunities to
8 provide lead poisoning prevention information to the parents and
9 other child care givers which they serve, particularly information
10 regarding the importance of regular testing for lead poisoning; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health is required by the 1992
12 legislation to describe annually to the Board of Supervisors the
13 efforts of all local agencies to comply with the Program and the
14 additional actions needed to implement the Program effectively; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has made its annual
16 report to the Board of Supervisors, and that report contains a number
17 of recommendations for the Water Department to implement in order to
18 more effectively carry out the Program; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Water
20 Department to implement the Department of Public Health's
21 recommendations set forth in its Annual Report to the Board dated
22 November 12, 1998; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director provide the Board with a
24 written report regarding the Department's progress in implementing
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1 the recommendations within 180 days from the effective date of this
2 resolution.

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the San Francisco Water Department to carry out the Department of Public Health's recommendations contained in its Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the effective implementation of the comprehensive lead poisoning prevention program.

March 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 1, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.