[Tobacco and Alcohol Advertising]

SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL ADVERTISING THAT TARGETS CHILDREN, URGING THE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO INDUSTRIES TO PROTECT CHILDREN THROUGH COMPLIANCE IN ELIMINATING ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AND ADVERTISING PLACEMENT IN FORUMS AND VENUES WHERE CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS, AND PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 1999 "CHILDPROOF ADVERTISING DAY."

WHEREAS, Alcohol related problems are the leading cause of death for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Everyday tens of thousands of underage youth age 12 to 20 try alcohol for the first time; and

WHEREAS, To promote alcohol and tobacco products, advertisers utilize cartoon characters, claymation, animation and live animals, which are proven to be most effective with children; and

WHEREAS, A recent advertising agency study has shown that youth 6 to 17 years of age identified a beer's advertising as their favorite ad copy, making it more popular than any soft drink, toy, candy, or tennis shoe ad; and

WHEREAS, Survey findings demonstrate that 86 percent of fifth grade boys recognize the characters of animated beer advertisements more than they recognize famous cartoon characters such as Bugs Bunny, Tony the Tiger and Smokey the Bear; and

WHEREAS, Research reports have shown that alcohol advertising shapes young adolescents' attitudes and intentions about consuming alcohol; and

WHEREAS, The alcohol and tobacco industries develop brand loyalty in youth through the availability of promotional merchandising such as baseball caps, T-shirts, jackets, backpacks and handbags; and

WHEREAS, Anheuser-Busch continues to violate the Beer
Institute's voluntary advertising code supporting childproof
advertising, which states that companies in the industry will refrain
from using "any cartoon character that is intended to appeal
primarily to persons under the legal purchase age and has special
attractiveness to such persons beyond the general attractiveness it
has for people over the legal purchase age"; and

WHEREAS, Childproof advertising creates a public health safety net for San Francisco communities and will support the elimination of alcohol and tobacco use by children and teens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports the elimination of alcohol and tobacco advertising that targets children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the alcohol and tobacco industries to protect children through compliance in eliminating alcohol and tobacco promotional items and advertising placement in forums and venues where children have access; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby proclaims April 28, 1999 "Childproof Advertising Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.



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## Resolution

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**Date Passed:** 

Resolution supporting the elimination of tobacco and alcohol advertising that targets children, urging the alcohol and tobacco industries to protect children through compliance in eliminating alcohol and tobacco promotional items and advertising placement in forums and venues where children have access, and proclaiming April 28, 1999 "Childproof Advertising Day."

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom