

1 [National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day - May 15, 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 15, 2013, as National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco in order to raise awareness of Hepatitis A,**  
5 **Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and liver health overall, in the lives of San Francisco's**  
6 **diverse Latino and Latina residents.**

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8 WHEREAS, May 15, 2013 marks a day of hepatitis awareness as organized by the  
9 Latino Commission on AIDS; and

10 WHEREAS, Over 5 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis B and C, with  
11 upwards of 75% of these individuals unaware that they are infected; and

12 WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis is widely acknowledged as a "silent epidemic", leading to  
13 significant morbidity and mortality among those infected; and

14 WHEREAS, Fear, stigma and poor access to medical care leads to significant health  
15 disparities in viral hepatitis amongst Latinos and Latinas;

16 WHEREAS, Among all ethnic groups, Latinos and Latinas have the second highest  
17 rate of hepatitis A (as of 2010); and

18 WHEREAS, Latinos and Latinas are twice as likely to be diagnosed with hepatitis A  
19 than non-Hispanic Whites; and

20 WHEREAS, Latino/as are twice as likely to die from viral hepatitis as compared to non-  
21 Hispanic Whites; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to many organizations that committed to the health  
23 and wellness of Latino men, women and transgendered persons including, but not limited to  
24 Project Inform, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Aguilas: El  
25 Ambiente Program, Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center, Mission Neighborhood

1 Health Center and the American Liver Foundation, Northern California Chapter, City College  
2 of San Francisco and the SF Department of Public Health; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to innovative and nationally renowned viral  
4 hepatitis prevention programs such as San Francisco Hep B Free and San Francisco AIDS  
5 Foundation Syringe Access Services; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to innovative and nationally renowned viral  
7 hepatitis medical care programs such as the Ward 86 SF Hepatitis C Primary Care Initiative,  
8 Quan Yin Healing Arts Program, California Pacific Medical Center Liver Disease Management  
9 and Transplant Program, and Chinese Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to local and national advocacy organizations like  
11 the San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force and Project Inform now; and

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is dedicated to providing the  
13 highest quality in medical care and social services to all peoples, regardless of immigration  
14 status; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of  
16 addressing the public health epidemic of viral hepatitis among its Latino men, women and  
17 transgendered population; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That May 15, 2013 is declared and celebrated as National  
19 Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day.