Superviso

[National Hepatitis Awareness Month - May 2014]

Resolution declaring May 2014 as National Hepatitis Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco, with the goal of raising awareness of Hepatitis B and C, encouraging residents to know their hepatitis status, and supporting efforts to make San Francisco the first City in America to be free of hepatitis.

WHEREAS, Hepatitis B and C are the leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants, with San Francisco having the highest rate in the nation, and afflict an estimated 4.4 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders make up 5 percent of the U.S. population and 36 percent of the population of the City and County of San Francisco, but account for 50 percent of Americans living with Hepatitis B; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis B infection and liver cancer remain the greatest health disparity for Asian and Pacific Islanders, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that all residents born in Asia and the Pacific Islands get tested for Hepatitis B; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution 659-06 in November 2006 establishing the "goal of universal Hepatitis B screening and vaccination for Asian and Pacific Islander residents of San Francisco," and the San Francisco Health Commission unanimously passed a companion resolution endorsing that goal, Resolution 16-06 in December 2006; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a leader in the nation for Hepatitis B prevention efforts with Chinese Hospital holding the first community screenings and San Francisco General Hospital providing the first universal infant immunizations in America; and

WHEREAS, The CDC has highlighted San Francisco's awareness efforts by announcing new guidelines for expanded national Hepatitis B screening at Chinatown Community Health Center in San Francisco on September 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Adults born from 1945 to 1965 are five times as likely to be infected with Hepatitis C, and the CDC has recommended that all adults born during those years get tested for Hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, May 19, 2014, is the third National Hepatitis Testing Day established in the Action Plan for the Prevention & Treatment of Viral Hepatitis to raise awareness of this silent epidemic; and

WHEREAS, SF Hep B Free, SF Hep C Task Force, and National Viral Hepatitis Round Table have partnered with local, state and federal officials to launch an updated Viral Hepatitis Action Plan at a May 17, 2014, press conference; and

WHEREAS, SF Hep B Free, SF Hep C Task Force, API Wellness Center, the California Pacific Medical Center and Asian Week Foundation provided free Hepatitis B and C testing at the 10th Annual Hills Physicians Asian Heritage Street Celebration; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a part of a five city national coordinated campaign that has launched public service announcements through CBS Health Watch to increase screening activity in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and Seattle; now, there be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends all the dedicated organizations and volunteers who serve San Francisco with their advocacy and prevention efforts for Hepatitis B and C; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges all healthcare institutions and providers to increase clinician education on the importance of

incorporating hepatitis screenings in the routine healthcare checkup of all individuals as directed by national guidelines; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges all Asian and Pacific Islander residents of San Francisco and other high target communities to know their hepatitis status by getting screened and to urge their friends and families to also be screened.



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June 03, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/3/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

6/13/14

Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board