

1 [Supporting California Senate Bill 203 (Monning) - Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Safety  
Warning Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Safety Warning Act, also known**  
4 **as California Senate Bill 203, authored by Senator Bill Monning, to make California the**  
5 **first state to require health warning labels to be placed on sugary drinks, including**  
6 **sodas, sports drinks, and energy drinks.**

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8 WHEREAS, California is in an obesity and diabetes crisis that is severely impacting the  
9 public's health and taxpayer costs; and

10 WHEREAS, A typical 12 ounce soda contains on average eight to ten teaspoons of  
11 sugar, which exceeds recommended amounts of daily added sugar for children, women and  
12 men; and

13 WHEREAS, Drinking one to two sugary drinks a day escalates the risk of diabetes by  
14 26%; and

15 WHEREAS, Drinking one soda a day increases an adult's chances of being overweight  
16 by 27% and for children it increases to 55%; and

17 WHEREAS, Nearly half of all Latino and African American children born after 2000 will  
18 go on to develop Type 2 diabetes; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analysts' Office,  
20 sugary drinks costs San Francisco residents between \$48,103,773 and \$ 61,803,219 and the  
21 City and County of San Francisco between \$6,029,889 and \$28,049,202 each year due to  
22 obesity and diabetes alone; and

23 WHEREAS, A high consumption of carbonated soft drinks in early childhood has been  
24 shown to be associated with an increased risk of dental cavities; and

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1           WHEREAS, Senator Bill Monning has introduced the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages  
2 Safety Warning Act, also known as Senate Bill (SB) 203, which would require a warning label  
3 to be placed on the front of all cans and bottles of soda and fruit drinks with added sweeteners  
4 that have 75 or more calories per 12 ounces; and

5           WHEREAS, The label would read: *STATE OF CALIFORNIA SAFETY WARNING:*  
6 *Drinking beverages with added sugar(s) contributes to obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay;* and

7           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously supported SB 1000  
8 which would have also mandated sugary-sweetened beverage safety warnings in 2014; and

9           WHEREAS, A majority of San Francisco voters supported a ballot measure that would  
10 have established a tax on sugary-sweetened beverages, demonstrating serious concerns  
11 about soda consumption and its harmful health impacts; and

12           WHEREAS, It is critical that the City and County of San Francisco again supports this  
13 legislation for improving public health and education; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Senate Bill 203  
15 and urges the Legislature and Governor to enact it.