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[Encouraging All 18 to 44 Year Olds to Register as Bone Marrow Donors]

Resolution encouraging all members of the public aged 18 to 44 to register as bone marrow donors and help close the racial gap in cancer treatment so people of all ethnicities have a second chance to live through a marrow transplant.

WHEREAS, Every three minutes someone in America is diagnosed with a blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Bone marrow transplant is the only proven treatment and long term survival option for over 70 blood cancers; and

WHEREAS, 70% of patients do not have a fully matched donor in their family and must depend on the kindness of a stranger to save their life; and

WHEREAS, The best transplant outcomes happen when a patient's human leukocyte antigen (HLA, or tissue type) and the HLA of a registered donor closely match; and

WHEREAS, Patients are more likely to match with a donor who shares their ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, Minority ethnicities, including Asian Americans, Latinos, and African Americans, are dramatically underrepresented in the donor registry, and as a result, a patient's likelihood of matching with a donor ranges from 66 to 97% depending merely on their ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, A person's ethnicity should not determine whether they live or die; and WHEREAS, There is a critical need for more minorities to register as donors; and WHEREAS, As a major Asian American population center, San Francisco should lead the way in registering Asian American donors and improving health outcomes for Asian Amercian patients; and

WHEREAS, The Asian American Donor Program (AADP), a community non-profit dedicated to increasing potential stem cell donors has registered more than 275,000 Asian Americans on the donor registry; and

WHEREAS, Registering as a donor takes only a few minutes; and

WHEREAS, The most common method of donation is via a painless peripheral blood stem cell donation; and

WHEREAS, There is no better gift than the gift of life; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins with AADP in encouraging all members of the public aged 18 to 44, particularly Asian Americans, Latinos, and African Americans, to register as bone marrow donors and help close the racial gap in cancer treatment so people of all ethnicities have a second chance to live through a marrow transplant.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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