[World Hepatitis Day - July 28]

Resolution recognizing July 28 as World Hepatitis Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Worldwide over 500 million people are chronically infected with viral hepatitis, and in the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates up to 2.2 million people are chronically infected with hepatitis B and 3.9 million are chronically infected with hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, In California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) estimates 350,000 are chronically infected with hepatitis B and 750,000 are chronically infected with hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis can lead to liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure and death, and the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that each year approximately 1.5 million people worldwide die of hepatitis B- and C-related liver disease; and

WHEREAS, Chronic hepatitis B and C infections cause over 50 percent of liver cirrhosis cases and over 80 percent of all liver cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, Among comparable jurisdictions within California, San Francisco County had the highest rates of newly reported cases of chronic hepatitis B and C in 2011, and the CDC reports that liver cancer from hepatitis B and C kills more people in the San Francisco Bay Area than elsewhere in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis B infects as many as 1 in 10 of San Francisco's Asian and Pacific Islander residents and additionally, disproportionately affects African and Central-European immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis C disproportionately affects Baby Boomers, African-Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, veterans, injection drug users, those who are incarcerated, and low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Through campaigns to raise public awareness about viral hepatitis, access to screening for hepatitis B and C, and linkage to appropriate care, San Franciscans can learn their viral hepatitis status and take measures to prevent and/or treat hepatitis infections; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 the WHO declared July 28 as World Hepatitis Day (WHD), one of only four official disease-specific world health days, and millions of people in over 100 countries now celebrate the day by taking part in events to raise awareness about viral hepatitis and promote access to screening, treatment and prevention; and

WHEREAS, The theme for World Hepatitis Day 2016, "Elimination," is to honor the WHO goal to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, and a global elimination movement called "NOhep" will be launched on WHD 2016. Advocates in San Francisco will participate in the movement by holding a press briefing and free hepatitis B and C screenings on WHD 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares July 28, 2016, as World Hepatitis Day in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares July 28 of subsequent years to be recognized as World Hepatitis Day in San Francisco, until hepatitis B and C have been effectively eliminated.

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Resolution

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July 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Breed, Campos, Cohen, Kim, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

Absent: 2 - Avalos and Mar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/26/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

8/5/2016

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.