

1 [Hemophilia Day - April 17, 2017]

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3 **Resolution recognizing Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, and declaring**
4 **April 17, 2017, as Hemophilia Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder that affects 1 in 10,000 male
7 individuals in each country around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, It has no ethnic predilection; all races, nationalities, and ethnic groups
9 around the world are equally affected; and

10 WHEREAS, Symptoms consist of painful, uncontrolled bleeding into joints, muscles,
11 abdomen, head, neck and various other organs; and

12 WHEREAS, Bleeding into certain locations such as the head can be fatal; and

13 WHEREAS, Symptoms may appear shortly after birth and continue throughout the
14 affected individual's life; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to these affected males, there is an inherited bleeding disorder,
16 Von Willebrand Disease (VWD), which affects 1 in 1 million females; and

17 WHEREAS, The symptoms may involve easy bruising, heavy menstrual cycles,
18 bleeding during child birth or surgery, and the same symptoms as in males with hemophilia;
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20 WHEREAS, Many of these women do not know that they have VWD because they
21 and/or their physicians are unaware of the disorder and how to test for it; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the past 25 years, treatment advances for these bleeding disorders
23 mean that now the frequent painful, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening bleeding
24 episodes can be stopped and even prevented, and these individuals can lead full, productive
25 lives, but in order to get treatment, they must first be diagnosed; and

1 WHEREAS, April 17 is World Hemophilia Day, and the World Federation of
2 Hemophilia (WFH) has an initiative to Light Up in Red landmark buildings around the world to
3 raise awareness of the bleeding disorders community so that men and women with bleeding
4 symptoms will realize that with proper diagnosis, there are treatments to stop their bleeding;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This initiative was started three years ago, and many famous landmarks
7 have been lit up red, including Niagara Falls, the Eiffel Tower, Faneuil Hall in Boston, the
8 television tower in Tallinn Estonia, the bridge in Brisbane, Australia, and the Sears Tower in
9 Chicago; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes Hemophilia and other bleeding
11 disorders on April 17, 2017, and declaring this Hemophilia Day in the City and County of San
12 Francisco.

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