

1 [EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AT NIGHT CLUBS]  
2 URGING SAN FRANCISCO NIGHT CLUBS AND DANCE SPACES TO PROVIDE  
3 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS OR APPROPRIATE LICENSED MEDICAL  
4 PERSONNEL ON SITE FOR LARGE DANCE EVENTS.  
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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 recently held a hearing on Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB) and determined that GHB when  
8 mixed with alcohol has been responsible for many deaths in San Francisco and around the  
9 nation; and,

10 WHEREAS, Despite the number of GHB related deaths, there are many GHB  
11 advocates which support GHB use under certain conditions, and their message is made  
12 available over the Internet, in books and newsletters; and,

13 WHEREAS, The chemicals to create GHB are easily accessible over the Internet and  
14 by local sellers due to the chemicals widespread use for other purposes; and,

15 WHEREAS, Due to the ease of purchasing GHB and conflicting messages about the  
16 risk of GHB, the Board of Supervisors determined that GHB will be a feature of society that is  
17 not easily eradicated and appropriate steps to address GHB risks need to be taken to reduce  
18 GHB related deaths; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco night clubs and dance events have witnessed many of the  
20 overdoses and deaths attributed to GHB and other substances; and,

21 WHEREAS, Many of these deaths could have been prevented if an appropriate  
22 medical professional had been on site to determine the need for an ambulance, or  
23 appropriate medical care; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, In addition to GHB, some dance events have medical emergencies  
2 related to other narcotics such as Ecstasy, LSD, Ketomine, or drugs that have been mixed  
3 with unintended toxic substances; and,

4           WHEREAS, Many night club managers and dance event promoters have already  
5 responded to this crises by hiring medical professionals to monitor their events, but many  
6 have not hired such professionals, creating an uneven burden of costs on responsible  
7 promoters and managers; and,

8           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is  
9 currently considering the appeals of the medical community, concerned club promoters and  
10 concerned individuals to require that dance events of a certain size hire a licensed EMT or an  
11 appropriate medical personnel to monitor such events; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
13 strongly urges night club managers and dance event promoters within the City of San  
14 Francisco to provide a licensed EMT or an appropriate medical personnel to monitor large  
15 dance events.



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## Tails Resolution

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Resolution urging the San Francisco night clubs and dance spaces to provide emergency medical technicians or appropriate licensed medical personnel on site for large dance events.

January 31, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 31, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved**

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.