

1 [Declaring Mercury Free May 2000]

2 DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2000 "MERCURY FREE MAY" IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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4 WHEREAS, Mercury is a heavy liquid metallic chemical compound, known to be toxic
5 and hazardous to human health and the environment, causing tremors, shyness, insomnia,
6 emotional instability, development deficits during fetal development, attention deficit, and
7 developmental delays during childhood; and,

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has urged City agencies and
10 departments and all medical facilities within San Francisco to eliminate mercury, in order to
11 protect the preserve human and environmental health; and,

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13 WHEREAS, The Board is currently considering a ban on the retail sale, manufacture,
14 and importation of mercury thermometers in the City; and,

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16 WHEREAS, The City should to the extent possible be encouraging citizens to use one
17 of the many safe, effective, and inexpensive alternatives available, including digital, ear canal,
18 forehead, glass alcohol, and Galinstan thermometers; and,

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20 WHEREAS, In order to reduce the threat of mercury pollution to people living in the
21 Bay Area, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Department of the Environment,
22 Solid Waste Management Program, and Supervisor Mark Leno have collaborated on a
23 campaign called "Mercury-Free May 2000", to increase public awareness about mercury
24 pollution and allow citizens to exchange mercury thermometers for environmentally safer
25 digital ones; and,

1 WHEREAS, Every Saturday in May from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., anyone who turns in a
2 mercury thermometer to be recycled at one of the nine fire stations throughout San Francisco
3 will receive a new digital thermometer; and,

4 WHEREAS, For those people who are unable to make it to one of the collection events
5 or who do not own a mercury thermometer, approximately 400,000 coupons for \$2-off a new
6 digital thermometer redeemable at all San Francisco Safeway, Walgreen's and Merrill's stores
7 were distributed in Spring 2000 water bills and through Val-Pak mailings; now, therefore be it,
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9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
10 declares the Month of May 2000 "Mercury Free May" in San Francisco.
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May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Teng

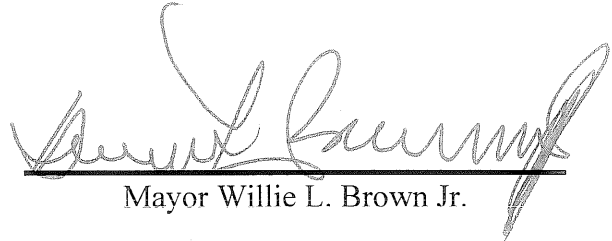
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.