

FILE NO. 001392

RESOLUTION NO. 1070-00

1 [Genetically Engineered Food]
2 URGING THE FDA EPA, AND USDA TO RESEARCH, REGULATE, CLEARLY LABEL, AND
3 CONSIDER A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ALL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS
4 UNTIL PROVEN SAFE FOR HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT; URGING
5 LIABILITY BE ASSIGNED TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPERS OF GENETICALLY
6 ENGINEERED FOOD; URGING MAJOR FOOD COMPANIES WHICH HAVE REMOVED
7 GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS FROM THEIR FOOD PRODUCTS IN EUROPE
8 TO STOP USING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS IN THEIR PRODUCTS IN THE
9 UNITED STATES; URGING THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO
10 CONSUMERS REGARDING THE USE OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS IN
11 FOOD PRODUCTS; AND ASKING THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO
12 RELEVANT PARTIES.

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to the policies of consumer
14 confidence, health, education, and the environment; and,

15 WHEREAS, Although some testing has been done over the past decade, genetically engineered
16 foods have not been adequately tested by any federal agency for long-term impacts on human health or
17 the environment; and,

18 WHEREAS, Among other things, scientific research has indicated that genetically engineered
19 foods, seed, and other products could pose risks to the environment, including damaged soil ecology,
20 harmful effects to wildlife and beneficial insects such as the Monarch butterfly, and increased use of
21 farm chemicals; and,

22 WHEREAS, Scientific research has suggested that genetically engineered ingredients could
23 have serious impacts on levels of toxins in food, antibiotic resistance, cancer, immuno-suppression, and
24 allergic reaction, and may be particularly threatening to children and seniors; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Community organizations which represent farmers and sustainable agricultural
2 interests in such locations as France, Italy, Denmark, Greece, and Luxembourg, have effectively
3 instituted a moratorium on genetically engineered foods; and,

4 WHEREAS, Due to environmental and public health concerns, the European Union has had a
5 moratorium on new genetically engineered crops since 1998; and,

6 WHEREAS, On July 28, 2000, the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Council approved a
7 resolution requiring strict mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered foods in
8 Australia and New Zealand; and,

9 WHEREAS, In 1999, the British Medical Association, which represents 115,000 doctors, stated
10 that genetically engineered crops should not be grown commercially in Britain until more trials are
11 carried out; and,

12 WHEREAS, The European Community has agreed on terms to guarantee the labeling of
13 genetically engineered foods; and,

14 WHEREAS, The development and introduction for commercial use of genetically engineered
15 foods is currently regulated by the US Food and Drug Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and
16 the US Department of Agriculture; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
18 Francisco does hereby urge the FDA, EPA and USDA to research, regulate, clearly label, and consider
19 a temporary moratorium on all genetically engineered foods until proven safe for human health and the
20 environment; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge that
22 liability be assigned to commercial developers of genetically engineered foods; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge major
24 food companies which have removed genetically engineered ingredients from their food products in
25 Europe to stop using genetically engineered ingredients in their products in the United States; and, be it

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the
2 FDA, EPA and USDA to provide additional information to consumers through the internet, toll-free
3 phone access, and other media regarding the use of genetically engineered ingredients in food products;
4 and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this legislation be sent to the FDA, EPA, USDA, the
6 San Francisco Commission on the Environment and to San Francisco's Federal legislators, with
7 instructions to make every effort to carry out the intent of this legislation.



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Date Passed:

Resolution urging the FDA, EPA, and USDA to research, regulate, clearly label, and consider a temporary moratorium on all genetically engineered foods until proven safe for human health and the environment; urging liability be assigned to commercial developers of genetically engineered food; urging major food companies which have removed genetically engineered ingredients from their food products in Europe to stop using genetically engineered ingredients in their products in the United States; urging that additional information be provided to consumers regarding the use of genetically engineered ingredients in food products; and asking that copies of this resolution be sent to relevant parties.

September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SUBSTITUTED

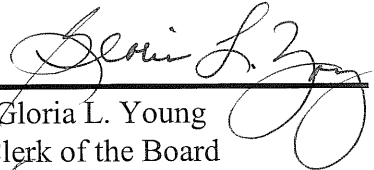
December 18, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki,
Yee

Absent: 2 - Katz, Teng


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 18, 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.