

1 [Creating City Website for Canadian Pharmacies.]
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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to develop a list of approved**
4 **Canadian pharmacies and to develop an online resource to educate San Francisco**
5 **residents about how to safely import pharmaceuticals from Canadian pharmacies.**
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7 WHEREAS, According to a report by the National Legislators Association on
8 Prescription Drug Prices, prescription drugs are an average of 30-65% more expensive in the
9 United States than abroad, and are increasing an average of 14% each year; and

10 WHEREAS, According to recent figures published by the United States Department of
11 Health and Human Services, the average brand name drug cost more than \$72 per
12 prescription; and,

13 WHEREAS, Every San Franciscan has the right to access affordable prescription
14 drugs, without needing to make decisions about purchasing necessary pharmaceuticals or
15 paying their rent or basic expenses; and,

16 WHEREAS, Recently, the State of Minnesota unveiled a website offering directions to
17 citizens to safely order prescriptions from Canadian pharmacies, after establishing a set of
18 screening criteria to verify safe practices that include requirements for a prescription from an
19 American doctor and providing periodic reports to the Minnesota Department of Human
20 Services regarding consumer complaints about their website; and,

21 WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota's Department of Human Services chose two
22 approved pharmacies to re-import drugs for Minnesotans and the City of Springfield,
23 Massachusetts currently contracts with a Canadian pharmacy to re-import prescriptions for
24 subscribing public employees; and
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1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco has
2 previously expressed it's support for re-importation of pharmaceuticals from acceptable
3 Canadian pharmacies for public employees to generate cost savings; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 urges the Department of Public Health to study best practices from other states, counties and
6 cities around the country which have initiated re-importation programs to develop a set of
7 criterion for Canadian pharmacies; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public
9 Health to create an online resource to educate and assist San Franciscans about purchasing
10 prescriptions from approved Canadian pharmacies; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public
12 Health to complete their study and develop online educational resources within 90 days of the
13 adoption of this resolution.

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Resolution urging the Department of Public Health to develop a list of approved Canadian pharmacies and to develop an online resource to educate San Francisco residents about how to safely import pharmaceuticals from Canadian pharmacies.

February 10, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Gonzalez, McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 10, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom