

1 [Supporting OURx Bill of Rights.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Senior Action Network's OURx Bill of Rights and urging the**
4 **California State Legislature to approve the legislative package.**

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6 WHEREAS, Prescription drug costs have increased by double-digits in recent years,
7 and all Californians are paying the price; and

8 WHEREAS, Prescription drug coverage is shrinking, co-pays are rising, and
9 consumers face more and more difficulty paying for the medications that they need; and,

10 WHEREAS, The OURx Bill of Rights Campaign – representing seniors, working
11 people, consumers and California families – believes that consumer needs should come first,
12 including access to safe, effective and affordable prescription drugs that are purchased in a
13 fair and transparent marketplace; and,

14 WHEREAS, All Californians deserve access to the information they need to make
15 informed choices about their own prescription drugs, including a reliable State resource for
16 safe Canadian pharmacy options; and,

17 WHEREAS, The OURx Bill of Rights seeks to establish new state laws protecting
18 physicians' prescribing data, codifying voluntary guidelines issued by Pharmaceutical
19 Research and Manufacturers of America regarding gifts, meals and other inducements
20 offered to physicians and other prescribers to ensure that marketing and pricing practices
21 within the prescription drug market are fair and do not disadvantage consumers; and,

22 WHEREAS, In order to ensure that State and Federal governments explore all
23 possible avenues making prescription drugs more affordable for California consumers and
24 taxpayers, the OURx Bill of Rights would mandate cost-saving efforts on the part of Medi-Cal,
25 call of on the federal government to amend the Medicare drug bill prohibiting them from

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1 negotiating Medicare drug prices, and requiring legislative oversight of DHS Medi-Cal rebates
2 in light of a recent Inspector General finding that California is owed almost \$1.3 billion for
3 unpaid rebates; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 strongly supports the OURx Bill of Rights package of legislation pending in the California
6 State Legislature; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco urges the California State Legislature to adopt this legislative package; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption by this body, a copy of this resolution will
10 be transmitted to officials representing the City and County of San Francisco in the California
11 State Assembly and Senate.



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March 30, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval


Absent: 1 - Daly

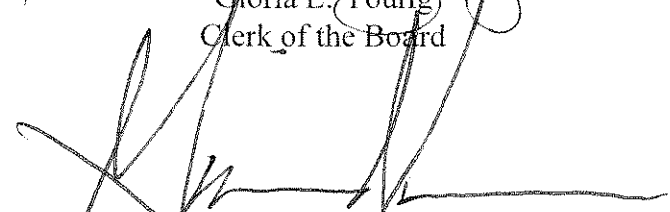
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 30, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Gavin Newsom