

1 [National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day - May 15, 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 15, 2013, as National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day in**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco in order to raise awareness of Hepatitis A,**
5 **Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and liver health overall, in the lives of San Francisco's**
6 **diverse Latino and Latina residents.**

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8 WHEREAS, May 15, 2013 marks a day of hepatitis awareness as organized by the
9 Latino Commission on AIDS; and

10 WHEREAS, Over 5 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis B and C, with
11 upwards of 75% of these individuals unaware that they are infected; and

12 WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis is widely acknowledged as a "silent epidemic", leading to
13 significant morbidity and mortality among those infected; and

14 WHEREAS, Fear, stigma and poor access to medical care leads to significant health
15 disparities in viral hepatitis amongst Latinos and Latinas;

16 WHEREAS, Among all ethnic groups, Latinos and Latinas have the second highest
17 rate of hepatitis A (as of 2010); and

18 WHEREAS, Latinos and Latinas are twice as likely to be diagnosed with hepatitis A
19 than non-Hispanic Whites; and

20 WHEREAS, Latino/as are twice as likely to die from viral hepatitis as compared to non-
21 Hispanic Whites; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to many organizations that committed to the health
23 and wellness of Latino men, women and transgendered persons including, but not limited to
24 Project Inform, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Aguilas: El
25 Ambiente Program, Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center, Mission Neighborhood

1 Health Center and the American Liver Foundation, Northern California Chapter, City College
2 of San Francisco and the SF Department of Public Health; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to innovative and nationally renowned viral
4 hepatitis prevention programs such as San Francisco Hep B Free and San Francisco AIDS
5 Foundation Syringe Access Services; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to innovative and nationally renowned viral
7 hepatitis medical care programs such as the Ward 86 SF Hepatitis C Primary Care Initiative,
8 Quan Yin Healing Arts Program, California Pacific Medical Center Liver Disease Management
9 and Transplant Program, and Chinese Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to local and national advocacy organizations like
11 the San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force and Project Inform now; and

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is dedicated to providing the
13 highest quality in medical care and social services to all peoples, regardless of immigration
14 status; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of
16 addressing the public health epidemic of viral hepatitis among its Latino men, women and
17 transgendered population; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That May 15, 2013 is declared and celebrated as National
19 Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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May 14, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee

Absent: 1 - Mar

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/14/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

5/22/13

Date Approved

Date: May 22, 2013

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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