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RESOLUTION NO.

1 [World Hepatitis Day - July 28]

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3 **Resolution recognizing July 28 as World Hepatitis Day in the City and County of San**  
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Worldwide over 500 million people are chronically infected with viral  
7 hepatitis, and in the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates up  
8 to 2.2 million people are chronically infected with hepatitis B and 3.9 million are chronically  
9 infected with hepatitis C, and;

10 WHEREAS, In California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) estimates  
11 350,000 are chronically infected with hepatitis B and 750,000 are chronically infected with  
12 hepatitis C, and;

13 WHEREAS, Viral hepatitis can lead to liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure  
14 and death, and the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that each year approximately  
15 1.5 million people worldwide die of hepatitis B- and C-related liver disease, and;

16 WHEREAS, Chronic hepatitis B and C infections cause over 50 percent of liver  
17 cirrhosis cases and over 80 percent of all liver cancer cases, and;

18 WHEREAS, Among comparable jurisdictions within California, San Francisco County  
19 had the highest rates of newly reported cases of chronic hepatitis B and C in 2011, and the  
20 CDC reports that liver cancer from hepatitis B and C kills more people in the San Francisco  
21 Bay Area than elsewhere in the U.S., and;

22 WHEREAS, Hepatitis B infects as many as 1 in 10 of San Francisco's Asian and  
23 Pacific Islander residents and additionally, disproportionately affects African and Central-  
24 European immigrants, and;

1           WHEREAS, Hepatitis C disproportionately affects Baby Boomers, African-Americans,  
2           Latinos, Native Americans, veterans, injection drug users, those who are incarcerated, and  
3           low-income residents, and;

4           WHEREAS, Through campaigns to raise public awareness about viral hepatitis, access  
5           to screening for hepatitis B and C, and linkage to appropriate care, San Franciscans can learn  
6           their viral hepatitis status and take measures to prevent and/or treat hepatitis infections, and;

7           WHEREAS, In 2010 the WHO declared July 28 as World Hepatitis Day (WHD), one of  
8           only four official disease-specific world health days, and millions of people in over 100  
9           countries now celebrate the day by taking part in events to raise awareness about viral  
10          hepatitis and promote access to screening, treatment and prevention, and;

11          WHEREAS, The theme for World Hepatitis Day 2016, "Elimination," is to honor the  
12          WHO goal to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, and a global elimination  
13          movement called "NOhep" will be launched on WHD 2016. Advocates in San Francisco will  
14          participate in the movement by holding a press briefing and free hepatitis B and C screenings  
15          on WHD 2016, now, therefore be it;

16          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares July 28,  
17          2016, as World Hepatitis Day in San Francisco, and be it;

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares  
19          July 28 of subsequent years to be recognized as World Hepatitis Day in San Francisco, until  
20          hepatitis B and C have been effectively eliminated.