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Resolution supporting the California Cancer Research Act

[Supporting the California Cancer Research Act]

WHEREAS, the California Cancer Research Act is a state ballot measure which if passed by voters in June 2012 would save lives by preventing 104,000 premature smoking-caused deaths; and

WHEREAS, more than 332,000 California high school students are current smokers, more than 34,000 California youth start smoking every year and 3,383,000 California adults are current smokers; and

WHEREAS, the California Cancer Research Act would increase the state's tobacco tax by \$1 per pack and according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, the \$1 tax increase alone would prevent 228,000 children from becoming smokers in adulthood and more than 118,000 adult smokers in California would quit smoking; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry will spend millions to stop the California Cancer Research Act because they know it will stop hundreds of thousands from smoking; and

WHEREAS, the California Cancer Research Act would provide nearly \$600 million annually to fund research and make advances in the prevention, detection, treatment, causes and cures for cancer, lung disease, heart disease and stroke, and other tobacco-related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the California Cancer Research Act would provide more than \$156 million annually to the state's existing tobacco control programs to prevent and reduce the use of tobacco, including school based programs to reduce youth smoking; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Analyst Office analysis of the California Cancer Research
Act determined that local governments would likely experience an annual increase in sales tax
revenues of approximately \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, by providing the funding we need to keep California's anti-smoking programs strong, we can keep our kids from smoking and give smokers the help they need to quit; and

WHEREAS, the California Cancer Research Act would provide \$23 million annually for law enforcement efforts to reduce illegal sales of tobacco products to minors, and other antitobacco law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the California Cancer Research Act will result in \$5.1 billion in long-term health savings from reduced smoking; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking and other uses of tobacco remain the leading causes of cancer, heart disease and stroke, and lung disease in California; and

WHEREAS, 36,687 adults die annually from smoking in California; now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby support the California Cancer Research Act of 2012, which will reduce smoking, especially among children and fund critical research to prevent and treat cancer, heart disease and stroke, lung disease and other tobacco-related illnesses. A suitable copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the California Cancer Research Act Coalition: Californians for a Cure; c/o Dewey Square Group, 921 11th Street, 10th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814



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January 31, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/31/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor

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Date Approved

Date: February 10, 2012

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

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