GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD]
URGING THE FDA, EPA, AND USDA TO RESEARCH, REGULATE, CLEARLY LABEL, AND
CONSIDER A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ALL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS
UNTIL PROVEN SAFE FOR HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT; URGING
LIABILITY BE ASSIGNED TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPERS OF GENETICALLY
ENGINEERED FOOD; URGING MAJOR FOOD COMPANIES WHICH HAVE REMOVED
GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS FROM THEIR FOOD PRODUCTS IN EUROPE
TO STOP USING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS IN THEIR PRODUCTS IN THE
UNITED STATES; URGING THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO
CONSUMERS REGARDING THE USE OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS IN
FOOD PRODUCTS; AND ASKING THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO
RELEVANT PARTIES.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to the policies of consumer
confidence, health, education, and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, Although some testing has been done over the past decade, genetically engineered
foods have not been adequately tested by any federal agency for long-term impacts on human health or
the environment; and,

WHEREAS, Among other things, scientific research has indicated that genetically engineered
foods, seed, and other products could pose risks to the environment, including damaged soil ecology,
harmful effects to wildlife and beneficial insects such as the Monarch butterfly, and increased use of
farm chemicals; and,

WHEREAS, Scientific research has suggested that genetically engineered ingredients could
have serious impacts on levels of toxins in food, antibiotic resistance, cancer, immuno-suppression, and
allergic reaction, and may be particularly threatening to children and seniors; and,

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WHEREAS, Community organizations which represent farmers and sustainable agricultural interests in such locations as France, Italy, Denmark, Greece, and Luxembourg, have effectively instituted a moratorium on genetically engineered foods; and,

WHEREAS, Due to environmental and public health concerns, the European Union has had a moratorium on new genetically engineered crops since 1998; and,

WHEREAS, On July 28, 2000, the AustraliA New Zealand Food Standards Council approved a resolution requiring strict mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered foods in Australia and New Zealand; and,

WHEREAS, In 1999, the British Medical Association, which represents 115,000 doctors, stated that genetically engineered crops should not be grown commercially in Britain until more trials are carried out; and,

WHEREAS, The European Community has agreed on terms to guarantee the labeling of genetically engineered foods; and,

WHEREAS, The development and introduction for commercial use of genetically engineered foods is currently regulated by the US Food and Drug Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and the US Department of Agriculture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the FDA, EPA and USDA to research, regulate, clearly label, and consider a temporary moratorium on all genetically engineered foods until proven safe for human health and the environment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge that liability be assigned to commercial developers of genetically engineered foods; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge major food companies which have removed genetically engineered ingredients from their food products in Europe to stop using genetically engineered ingredients in their products in the United States; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the FDA, EPA and USDA to provide additional information to consumers through the internet, toll-free phone access, and other media regarding the use of genetically engineered ingredients in food products; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this legislation be sent to the FDA, EPA, USDA, the San Francisco Commission on the Environment and to San Francisco’s Federal legislators, with instructions to make every effort to carry out the intent of this legislation.
Resolution urging the FDA, EPA, and USDA to research, regulate, clearly label, and consider a temporary moratorium on all genetically engineered foods until proven safe for human health and the environment; urging liability be assigned to commercial developers of genetically engineered food; urging major food companies which have removed genetically engineered ingredients from their food products in Europe to stop using genetically engineered ingredients in their products in the United States; urging that additional information be provided to consumers regarding the use of genetically engineered ingredients in food products; and asking that copies of this resolution be sent to relevant parties.

September 25, 2000  Board of Supervisors — SUBSTITUTED
December 18, 2000  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
    Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee
    Absent: 2 - Katz, Teng
File No. 001392

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 18, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.