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[Supporting AB1147 – California Industrial Hemp Farming Act]

Resolution Urging the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor of California to support Assembly Bill 1147 (AB1147), introduced by Assemblyman Mark Leno, the "The California Industrial Hemp Farming Act".

WHEREAS, Existing state law does not address the legality of growing hemp in California; and,

WHEREAS, The retail market for hemp products in North America is estimated at \$150 million and growing; and,

WHEREAS, Hemp fiber, oil and non-viable seed must currently be imported from outside the United States; and,

WHEREAS, California farmers would immediately benefit from participating in the hemp products market and would be positioned as leaders in the growing North American market; and,

WHEREAS, Hemp is used to make a wide variety of products including paper, clothing, rope, food products, soap, body care products and building materials; and,

WHEREAS, Hemp can be cultivated as an alternative to other crops which are grown with harmful chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and defoliates; and,

WHEREAS, California has a chance to lead the nation toward an environmentally sustainable alternative to turning our last remaining forests into paper; and,

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Mark Leno introduced a bill that allows the agricultural production of industrial hemp for intra-state commerce; and,

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper and hemp has a long history of commercial use within the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco strongly urges the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor of California to support Assembly Bill 1147 (AB1147), the "California Industrial Hemp Farming Act"; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors direct the Clerk of the Board to send copies of this resolution, upon passage, to the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor of California.



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## Resolution

File Number:	050385		Date Passed:
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March 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED  Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval			
	File No. 0503	85	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 15, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
			Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board
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Date: March 25, 2005

Mayor Gavin Newsom

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.

Clerk of the Board

**Date Approved**