RESOLUTION NO. 93-293
OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
RELATIVE TO TRANSMISSION OF HIV
THROUGH CONTAMINATED NEEDLES

WHEREAS it has been scientifically established that the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which causes AIDS can be transmitted from person to person when a contaminated needle is shared; and

WHEREAS this route of HIV transmission is the fastest growing category of new HIV infections; and

WHEREAS needle exchange programs can yield a measurable decline in the rate of HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS this disease prevention success is achieved with no evidence of increased drug abuse, or other negative side effects; and

WHEREAS the presence of contaminated needles poses an imminent threat to health; and

WHEREAS the Marin County Board of Supervisors finds convincing evidence that there are contaminated needles in Marin County; and

WHEREAS the Board finds that these needles pose an urgent and unacceptably high risk to the health and well-being of the citizens of Marin County, and constitute conditions of extreme peril to the safety of such citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors finds that a state of local emergency exists regarding the transmission of HIV through contaminated needles, and pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 et seq., does so declare; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of Health and Human Services to ensure that all necessary and feasible steps are taken to incorporate needle exchange efforts into Marin County's comprehensive pattern of AIDS education and prevention.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 23rd day of November, 1993, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Annette Rose, Harold Brown, Jr., Gary Giacomini
NOES:
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS Brady Bevis, Bob Roumiguiere

GARY GIACOMINI
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: Thomas Campanella

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CLERK