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SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR SIGNS ANTI-CRUELTY RESOLUTION

SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 29, 2008: Mayor Gavin Newsom today signed a San Francisco Board of Supervisors' resolution opposing the practice of cramming factory-farmed, egg-laying hens into tiny cages where they have no room to even stretch their wings. San Francisco becomes the fourth California city to condemn this abuse.

SF/SPCA President Jan McHugh-Smith welcomed the passage of the resolution and the Mayor's endorsement of it. "I applaud Mayor Newsom for giving his approval to this resolution," she said. "The confining of hens, and other factory-farmed animals, in cages so small that they cannot move, is unspeakably cruel and callous."

The resolution was introduced by San Francisco Board of Supervisors president Aaron Peskin, and unanimously passed by the Board on January 15, 2008. It denounces the confinement of laying hens in battery cages as "cruel and inhumane" and urges consumers not to buy eggs produced in this manner.

A number of retail outlets in California, such as Rainbow Foods, Andronico's and Whole Foods, have stopped selling eggs from cage hens, and several companies and universities are moving away from the use of food produced from animals that are harshly confined in cages and crates.

"Last year the Humane Society of the United States ranked the San Francisco Metropolitan area as the most humane in the nation," McHugh-Smith noted. "The passage of this resolution is one more indication of the compassionate values and policies called for by our community."

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About The San Francisco SPCA

The San Francisco SPCA is a private, independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to saving and protecting homeless dogs and cats, to providing them with care and treatment, advocating for animal welfare, and enhancing the human-animal bond. Founded in 1868, The SF/SPCA is a national leader in saving the lives of companion animals through its pioneering programs. For more information visit www.sfspca.org.

