

1 [Affirming Commitment to Maintaining Women’s Universal Access to Affordable Reproductive,
2 Family Planning, and Sexual Health Services in San Francisco]

3 **Resolution denouncing the Trump administration and 115th Congress’ plans to defund**
4 **preventive care for women and basic health services through the repeal of the**
5 **Affordable Care Act and politically motivated cuts to providers such as Planned**
6 **Parenthood from Title X and Medicaid funding, and affirming San Francisco’s**
7 **commitment to protect and maintain women, girls, and transgender women’s access to**
8 **universal reproductive, family planning, and sexual health services such as**
9 **contraceptives, cancer screenings, and abortion care.**

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11 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and the 115th Congress have repeatedly
12 threatened to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that provides coverage for women’s
13 health services, and defund, cut funding to, or exclude women’s health providers from the
14 Title X Family Planning Program and Medicaid; and

15 WHEREAS, Key members of the Trump administration including Vice President Mike
16 Pence, Tom Price R-GA, nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services, Katie
17 Talento, appointee to Trump’s Domestic Policy Council, and many others have been vocal in
18 their opposition of access to contraception and abortion and support the repeal of the
19 Affordable Care Act; and

20 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has taken steps to repeal the ACA, which would
21 cut health coverage and required coverage for critical preventative and screening services for
22 women, girls, transgender women and their families; and

23 WHEREAS, Under the ACA, women’s preventive health care services in reproductive,
24 family planning and sexual health must be fully covered by the provider; and

1 WHEREAS, Women, girls, and transgender women are only safe and secure if they
2 have access to the full range of preventive and reproductive health care services, including all
3 Federal Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptives, access to abortion, and
4 preventative health care services including cancer screenings, testing and treatment for
5 sexually transmitted infections (STIs), prenatal and postnatal care, medically-accurate,
6 comprehensive sexual health education, and screenings for inter-personal violence; and

7 WHEREAS, Under the ACA, women have free access to birth control, which has been
8 legal since 1965 and 99% of sexually-active women in the United States use birth control at
9 some point in their lifetimes to plan their families, reduce unintended pregnancies, achieve
10 greater financial security, and treat medical conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, Congress passed the Women’s Health Protection Act of 2013, which
12 protects a woman’s right and ability to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a
13 pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services by individual states;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Title X Family Planning Program is critical to women’s health in San
16 Francisco because it is the only federal grant program dedicated to solely providing
17 individuals with comprehensive family planning, reproductive and sexual preventive health
18 services and education through a network of community-based clinics such as Planned
19 Parenthood Northern California and the Women’s Community Clinic in San Francisco, and
20 through the San Francisco Department of Public Health; and

21 WHEREAS, Medicaid funds are critical to women’s health in San Francisco because
22 they sustain Medi-Cal and California’s Family PACT family planning program, allowing
23 thousands of patients to access reproductive health care at low or no cost; and

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1 WHEREAS, Family planning and preventative health care, including cancer
2 screenings, contraception, and abortion, promote healthy families and save taxpayers \$7.09
3 for nearly every public dollar invested; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s support for family planning sits within robust support from
5 the state of California through the FamilyPACT program, offers free reproductive and
6 contraceptives to low income women, girls, and transgender women; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s approach to open access family planning has led the City
8 to have a significantly lower rate of teen births at 10.2 per 1000 teens versus 24.2 per 1000
9 teens nationally; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a long history and proud legacy of leading the fight for
11 women’s rights and championing the reproductive freedom of women; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to prioritize protecting women,
13 girls, and transgender women’s access to preventative care, birth control, family planning,
14 reproductive and sexual health care, and sex education despite threats to cut federal funding
15 to these programs; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will do whatever is necessary
17 to defend and maintain the universal healthcare access of women, girls, and transgender
18 women in San Francisco, including urging the State of California to protect women from
19 federal attacks.

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