

1 [Cancer Screen Week - December 4, 2017, through December 8, 2017]

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3 **Resolution declaring December 4, 2017, through December 8, 2017, as Cancer Screen**
4 **Week, identifying the burden of cancer in San Francisco and the United States, and**
5 **urging citizens to talk with their healthcare providers about appropriate screenings for**
6 **prevention and early detection of cancer.**

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8 WHEREAS, In 2017 the American Cancer Society estimates more than 600,000
9 people will lose their lives to cancer in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 59,400 people in California
11 will die from cancer in 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute estimates up to 210,000 deaths in the
13 United States could be avoided with early and appropriate cancer screening; and

14 WHEREAS, Improvements in screening and early detection of cancer, coupled with
15 advancements in cancer treatment have led to an increase in five-year survival for the most
16 common types of cancer combined from 50% in 1975 to 66% today; and

17 WHEREAS, According to five-year survival data from the National Institutes of Health:
18 56% of lung cancers; 90% of colon cancers; 92% of cervical cancers; and 99% of breast and
19 skin cancers can be curative if found at local stage; and

20 WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable, and early detection and
21 treatment are critical as cancer does not always cause symptoms, and many occur in people
22 with no family history; and

23 WHEREAS, Specific cancer types disproportionately affect different populations, for
24 example: breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among Black women; nine out of
25 ten cases of colon cancer occur in people over 50 years old, and the likelihood of developing

1 colon cancer is greater for people of African-American or Eastern European descent; cervical
2 cancer is more prevalent among Hispanic and African-American women; two out of three
3 people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older; and melanoma, the deadliest form of skin
4 cancer, is among the most common cancers in young adults; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rates of
6 cancer screenings in recommended populations have either become stagnant or declined in
7 recent years; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That it is critical to reinforce the need for people of all ages and
9 backgrounds to discuss their individual risk factors for cancer with their healthcare providers
10 and understand the recommendations for, and benefits of, cancer screening; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens of San Francisco are encouraged to visit
12 www.cancerscreenweek.org for cancer screening resources and talk to their healthcare
13 providers about their risk factors for all cancer types including, but not limited to, breast,
14 cervical, colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers and available screening options; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the first week of December 2017 be declared as Cancer
16 Screen Week in the City and County of San Francisco.

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