

1 [Endometriosis Awareness Month - March]

2

3 **Resolution recognizing every March as “Endometriosis Awareness Month” in the City**  
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

5

6 WHEREAS, Endometriosis, also known as “endo”, is an inflammatory disease with no  
7 cure and no known cause that affects 1 in 10 people, about 15.5 million people in the United  
8 States, and approximately 200 million people worldwide; and

9 WHEREAS, Endometriosis affects mostly women but can also affect men; and

10 WHEREAS, Endometriosis can have a vital effect on the quality of life due to its painful  
11 symptoms, as well as have immense personal and societal costs; and

12 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a chronic, inflammatory disease characterized by the  
13 presence of endometrial-like tissue found outside the uterus in other areas of the body; and

14 WHEREAS, Those afflicted with endometriosis can face a lifetime of severe disability  
15 and symptoms throughout the entire body, including incapacitating pain, organ failure, several  
16 repeat surgeries, infertility, increased risk for cardiovascular disease, increased risk for certain  
17 cancers, immune and endocrinological dysfunction, kidney failure, and damage to multiple  
18 organs and tissues, including the bowel, bladder, ureters, diaphragm, muscles,  
19 musculoskeletal structures, nerves, ligaments, lungs, and liver; and

20 WHEREAS, Due to the potential for such widespread, severe chronic symptoms,  
21 endometriosis is also one of the leading causes of school absences in teens; and

22 WHEREAS, Despite alarming statistics, endometriosis receives only pennies on the  
23 dollar in federally-funded spending for research and public health awareness campaigns; and

24 WHEREAS, Many people with endometriosis live with debilitating, chronic pain, and  
25 between 30 and 50 percent of people with endometriosis experience infertility; and

1           WHEREAS, As a result of decades of under-funding and lack of awareness, those  
2 afflicted with endometriosis continue to receive inadequate or inappropriate medical care that  
3 includes multiple failed treatments that don't work and/or cause severe injury from severe  
4 adverse side effects; and

5           WHEREAS, People with endometriosis experience an average delay of up to 10 years  
6 between the first symptoms of pain and the final endometriosis diagnosis and some people  
7 have even gone 20-40 years without a proper diagnosis; and

8           WHEREAS, People of color, particularly Black women, are only about half as likely to  
9 be diagnosed with endometriosis causing this condition to be even more daunting and  
10 stressful; and

11           WHEREAS, There is a need for further research and increased research funding for  
12 endometriosis, as research and funding could lead to earlier detection, the discovery of the  
13 cause of the disease, a reliable, less invasive, and less costly way to diagnose the disease,  
14 more effective ways to manage symptoms, and a cure; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes every March as  
16 Endometriosis Awareness Month; and, be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the  
18 importance of endometriosis as a health issue for people that requires fare greater attention,  
19 public awareness, and education about the disease.

20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25