

1 Resolution supporting non-discrimination in health care services for Transgender people.

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4 **people, and endorsing AB 1586.**

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6 WHEREAS, Transgender people are continually denied health care coverage by  
7 insurance companies and experience discrimination by insurance companies and health care  
8 service plans despite the existence of anti-discrimination laws; and

9 WHEREAS, This unlawful discrimination has forced people who otherwise would  
10 purchase private insurance to use county health clinics at taxpayers' expense; and

11 WHEREAS, Transgender people are denied coverage for medically necessary  
12 procedures under contracts they are able to secure, like gynecological exams or prostate  
13 exams, and these patients are forced either to defer care or to pay "out of pocket" for care  
14 that already should be covered by their monthly premiums; and

15 WHEREAS, Transgender people need but are unable to get culturally sensitive and  
16 culturally appropriate treatment from healthcare providers; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the rights of  
18 transgender people to have equal access to healthcare; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State  
20 Legislature to support AB 1586, legislation that prohibits discrimination by insurance  
21 companies and health care service plans based on gender identity; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the City's lobbyist  
23 to lobby on behalf of this legislation; and, be it

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1            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this  
2 resolution to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California Assemblymembers Mark Leno  
3 and Paul Koretz, and California State Senator Carole Migden.

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