

1 [Supporting California Assembly Bill 775 (Chiu and Burke) - The Reproductive Freedom,
2 Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act]

3 **Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill 775, co-authored by Assemblymembers**
4 **David Chiu and Autumn Burke, which advances reproductive freedom, accountability,**
5 **comprehensive care, and transparency for women in California.**

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7 WHEREAS, California and San Francisco both have a long history and proud legacy of
8 respecting the reproductive freedom of women and have provided progressive programs to
9 provide reproductive health care to low income women; and

10 WHEREAS, The power of these laws and programs are only fully realized when clients
11 are accurately informed of their reproductive rights; and

12 WHEREAS, When a woman considers termination of a pregnancy, time is a critical
13 factor; and

14 WHEREAS, Delays in deciding to terminate a pregnancy may mean that a less
15 invasive option is no longer available or that the option to terminate the pregnancy is no
16 longer available; and

17 WHEREAS, Women in San Francisco County who received Medi-Cal are six times as
18 likely to miss first trimester prenatal care as women with private insurance; and

19 WHEREAS, There are nearly 200 licensed and unlicensed clinics know as crisis
20 pregnancy centers throughout California whose goal is to interfere with a women’s ability to
21 exercise their reproductive rights; and

22 WHEREAS, These crisis pregnancy centers commonly use false and misleading
23 advertising to discourage women from seeking abortions or misinform them about their health
24 care options; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2011 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance
2 No. 212-11, which regulated the false and deceptive advertising practices used by crisis
3 pregnancy centers in San Francisco, which was recently upheld by the Federal District Court
4 earlier this year; and

5 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 775 allows California women to receive the facts they need
6 to make well-informed decisions regarding their reproductive health care; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 775 requires licensed facilities that provide pregnancy-
8 related care to distribute a notice of health care rights to their patients including information
9 about health insurance coverage for pregnancy related services for eligible low-income
10 California residents; and

11 WHEREAS, Unlicensed facilities that provide pregnancy-related services will be
12 required to clearly post and disclose in their marketing material that they are not licensed by
13 the State of California and do not have licensed medical providers on staff; and

14 WHEREAS, There is currently no State law that requires the distribution of this type of
15 information to clients seeking reproductive healthcare services; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco strongly supports Assembly Bill
17 775, The Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency
18 Act; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that women
20 must have notice and accurate information about their reproductive healthcare rights in order
21 to exercise their protected Constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy.

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