

1 [Urging Support of the Expanded Use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis]

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3 **Resolution urging support of the expanded use of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis as a tool**
4 **to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic.**

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6 WHEREAS, The number of newly acquired HIV infections among gay and bisexual
7 men, women, communities of color and transgender individuals continues to rise despite an
8 overall decrease in the rate of new infections in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) involves the use of an antiretroviral
10 medication by those who are HIV-negative to prevent the acquisition of HIV infection; and

11 WHEREAS, Multi-center clinical trials have shown that correct usage of PrEP can be
12 up to 99% effective in preventing HIV infection; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2012, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Truvada,
14 for pre-exposure prophylaxis in combination with safer sex practices to reduce the risk of
15 sexually-acquired HIV infection in adults at high risk; and

16 WHEREAS, In May 2014, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued guidelines for
17 the use of PrEP and asserted that this evidence based prevention method could have
18 significant impact on controlling the U.S. HIV epidemic; and

19 WHEREAS, In July 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued guidelines
20 seeking to address the needs of many of those most at risk of HIV and strongly recommended
21 PrEP as an HIV prevention choice within a comprehensive HIV prevention package because
22 of the high quality of evidence supporting its usage; and

23 WHEREAS, In the last five years, 2,066 San Franciscans have been newly diagnosed
24 with HIV; and

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1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health and the city's HIV
2 agencies agree that PrEP could be instrumental in further reducing new cases of HIV; and

3 WHEREAS, Fewer than 3,000 people were prescribed Truvada for PrEP nationwide in
4 2012 and 2013 and fewer than 1,000 of these prescriptions were in San Francisco; and

5 WHEREAS, PrEP use is stigmatized despite the fact that individuals at risk for HIV
6 have a right to choose this evidence-based prevention intervention; and

7 WHEREAS, Increased knowledge among people at risk for HIV infection, as well as
8 PrEP training for clinicians, are needed to support the successful implementation of PrEP; and

9 WHEREAS, Some individuals who seek to use PrEP to avoid HIV infection experience
10 significant problems with accessing it affordably through health insurance providers; and

11 WHEREAS, Successful implementation of PrEP in San Francisco requires effective
12 collaboration between stakeholders including the Department of Public Health, HIV testing
13 programs, public and private clinicians, HIV prevention agencies, support agencies, the
14 manufacturer of Truvada, and health insurance providers; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 supports the expanded use of PrEP as an important means for ending the HIV/AIDS
17 epidemic; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Health is urged to submit by
19 December 1, 2014, a plan developed in conjunction with the HIV testing programs, public and
20 private clinicians, HIV prevention agencies, support agencies, the manufacturer of Truvada,
21 and health insurance providers to achieve an increase in the use of PrEP that addresses the
22 educational and affordability issues.

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