

1 [Endometriosis Awareness Month - March 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing March 2026 as Endometriosis Awareness Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Endometriosis, also known as "endo", is an inflammatory disease with no
7 cure and no known cause that affects one in 10 people, about 15.5 million people in the
8 United 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 having 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, The chronic pain and uncertainty associated with endometriosis
2 significantly contribute to mental health conditions including depression, anxiety, and social
3 isolation, with studies showing that people with endometriosis are significantly more likely to
4 experience depression and anxiety than those without the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, The economic burden of endometriosis is substantial, with estimates
6 indicating that the disease costs the United States billions of dollars annually in lost
7 productivity, missed workdays, and healthcare expenditures, placing a disproportionate
8 financial strain on individuals, families, and the healthcare system; and

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

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

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

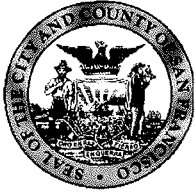
19 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Nikema Williams (GA-05) introduced House
20 Representative Bill No. 6682, known as the Endometriosis CARE Act (Endometriosis
21 Coverage, Awareness, Research, and education Act) in December 2025 for 119th Congress,
22 which would deliver \$50 million annually to advance endometriosis research and expand
23 access to treatment; and the bill is currently sitting in the House Committee on Energy and
24 Commerce; and

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

5 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognize March 2026 as
6 Endometriosis Awareness Month; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognize the
8 importance of endometriosis as a health issue for people that requires far greater attention,
9 public awareness, and education about the disease; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
11 Board to send a copy of this Resolution to House Representative Nikema Williams (GA-05).



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March 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong
Excused: 1 - Fielder

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/24/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

04/03/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

04/03/2026

Date