

1 [Recognizing the One-Year Anniversary of Unidos En Salud]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the one-year anniversary of Unidos En Salud, a partnership**
4 **between the University of California San Francisco and the Latino Task Force on**
5 **COVID-19, and expressing gratitude for lifesaving service to the people of San**
6 **Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, On Monday, March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared
9 COVID-19 a global pandemic, unleashing death, uncertainty and bringing the global economy,
10 to a halt, which disproportionately impacted poor and underserved people all over worked, and
11 San Francisco was no exception; and

12 WHEREAS, Large numbers of immigrant and Latinx people work in essential industries
13 such as food cultivation and production, in retail selling essential goods like food and
14 hardware supplies, and in transportation, and were unable to shelter in place, increasing odds
15 of exposure; and

16 WHEREAS, From the beginning of the pandemic, the Mission District, a historically
17 Latinx neighborhood had the highest number of positive COVID-19 cases any neighborhood
18 in San Francisco; and

19 WHEREAS, In response to the devastating effect COVID-19 had on the Latinx
20 population in San Francisco, Mission leaders, activists and community organizations founded
21 the Latino Task Force on COVID-19 to support and advocate for the most effected in our city;
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23 WHEREAS, On April 19, 2020, to better understand the effects of COVID-19 and
24 address the needs of the Latinx population in the Mission, the Latino Task Force on COVID-
25 19 partnered with the University of California San Francisco, a major healthcare provider in

1 San Francisco, to study why the Latinx community was being so hard hit and to develop a
2 response, to together form Unidos en Salud; and

3 WHEREAS, A major goal of Unidos En Salud was to reach the most vulnerable
4 residents in San Francisco with a culturally and linguistically appropriate program; and

5 WHEREAS, Unidos en Salud's first act was to do a study in the Mission and in the
6 census tract with the highest population of Latinx people in the city, which yielded vital
7 information about who was getting COVID-19 and major factors contributing to high infection
8 rates in the Latinx community; and

9 WHEREAS, The information derived from the Unidos en Salud study was used to
10 develop critical programs such as Right to Recover, Mission Hub testing, and the test to care
11 model, used to guide people from diagnosis to recovery in a culturally appropriate way; and

12 WHEREAS, Unidos en Salud founded and operated the first community vaccination
13 site in San Francisco that now vaccinates up to 500 people a day, and plays an essential role
14 in San Francisco vaccine rollout and for recovery; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the vital role
16 Unidos en Salud has played in recovery of our City and lifesaving programs and resources
17 they have provided to the Latinx community in San Francisco.

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