

1 [HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day - June 5, 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing June 5, 2026, as HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day in**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Modern treatment for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection
7 enables people living with HIV (PLWH) to live long, healthy, and thriving lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to effective treatment, the first generation of people living with HIV
9 is reaching old age; and

10 WHEREAS, People aging with HIV commonly experience health conditions such as
11 cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer, likely due to chronic inflammation caused by
12 the virus; and

13 WHEREAS, Older adults living with HIV also often experience HIV-Associated
14 Neurocognitive Disorder, a spectrum of cognitive, motor, and/or mood disorders; and

15 WHEREAS, Due to the destructive effects of the HIV epidemic on their social networks,
16 HIV long-term survivors experience social isolation and loneliness at a higher rate than other
17 older adults; and

18 WHEREAS, In order to bring greater attention to these issues, June 5 is nationally
19 recognized each year as HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day; and

20 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, there are now more than 11,500 PLWH who are 50 or
21 older, representing 75% of all PLWH in the city; and

22 WHEREAS, The LGBTQ Older Adults Survey, conducted in San Francisco and
23 released in 2021, found that LGBTQ+ older adults living with HIV are more likely than
24 LGBTQ+ seniors in general to experience Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and need
25 financial assistance; and

1 WHEREAS, The Research on Older Adults with HIV 2.0 study, on file with the Clerk of
2 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 260516, which is hereby declared to be a part of this
3 Resolution as if set forth fully herein, conducted in San Francisco and released in 2018, also
4 noted a high incidence of PTSD and financial need, as well as loneliness; and

5 WHEREAS, California enacted Senate Bill 258, HIV and Aging Act, on file with the
6 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 260516, which is hereby declared to be a part of
7 this Resolution as if set forth fully herein, mandated that HIV status be considered in how
8 aging-services funding is allocated throughout the state; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s current Area Plan on aging highlights the importance of
10 services for older adults living with HIV; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2022, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the San Francisco Principles,
12 a statement by local HIV long-term survivors demanding that “resources...be allocated to
13 programs and services grounded in the information and data gathered in HIV and aging
14 studies”; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco features a number of community-based programs focused
16 on people aging with HIV, including the San Francisco AIDS Foundation’s Elizabeth Taylor
17 50-Plus Network—started in 2013 as one of the first such programs in the country—and AIDS
18 Legal Referral Panel, which provides legal counseling on housing and other issues; and

19 WHEREAS, The Department of Disability and Aging Services has never dedicated
20 funding directly toward programs that are specifically tailored to people aging with HIV; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes that San Franciscans living
23 with HIV face unique challenges as they age; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes that the distinct
2 difficulties faced by San Franciscans aging with HIV requires a distinct response from the
3 Department of Disability and Aging Services; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors expresses its strong support for
5 our community's elders with HIV; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors proclaims June 5, 2026, as HIV
7 Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day in San Francisco.

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