

1 [Supporting California Senate Bill Nos. 36 (Skinner), 345 (Skinner), and 729 (Menjivar),
2 and California State Assembly Bill Nos. 571 (Petrie-Norris) and 576 (Weber) -
3 Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Health Care]

4 **Resolution urging the passage of California State Senate Bill No. 36, introduced**
5 **by Senator Nancy Skinner to expand California’s reproductive freedom state**
6 **protections, Senate Bill No. 345, introduced by Senator Nancy Skinner to provide**
7 **additional protections to medical providers who provide reproductive healthcare**
8 **or gender-affirming services, Senate Bill No. 729, introduced by Senator Caroline**
9 **Menjivar to require that health plans cover fertility care, Assembly Bill No. 571,**
10 **introduced by Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris to increase the number of**
11 **licensed healthcare providers who are able to provide abortion and gender-**
12 **affirming care, and Assembly Bill No. 576, introduced by Assembly Member**
13 **Akilah Weber to require the California Department of Healthcare Services to fully**
14 **reimburse providers to the provision of medication abortion.**

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16 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill Nos. 36, 345, and 729 as well as
17 California State Assembly Bill Nos. 571 and 576 constitute a sweeping legislative
18 packet that expands access to quality reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare
19 services through additional protections, increases the number of healthcare providers
20 able to perform these essential medical services, and creates new health plan coverage
21 requirements for patients receiving this care; and

22 WHEREAS, Following the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization
23 United States Supreme Court decision, California serves as a leader in the fight against
24 the rollback of reproductive healthcare rights nationwide, as compared to other anti-
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1 choice states that have diminished or criminalized access to abortion medication,
2 reproductive healthcare services, or gender-affirming care; and

3 WHEREAS, Limitations and restrictions – legally enacted in some form across 18
4 states in the United States – to reproductive and gender-affirming care cause significant
5 harm to the health and welfare of women; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; low-
6 income individuals; the LGBTQ+ community; individuals living in rural areas; and more;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 36 expands California’s reproductive
9 freedom state protections by prohibiting the capturing of people in California who have
10 fled their home states to avoid criminalization for seeking abortion or gender-affirming
11 care; and

12 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 345 provides additional protections
13 to providers who prescribe or dispense medication abortion, provide other reproductive
14 healthcare services, or provide gender affirming care to patients, regardless of where
15 the patient is located; and

16 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 729 requires health plans to provide
17 coverage for fertility care, including treatment for infertility and in vitro fertilization (IVF);
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19 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 571 ensures that California
20 providers have access to professional liability insurance without discrimination and thus
21 increases the number of licensed healthcare providers who are able to provide abortion
22 and gender-affirming care in California; and

23 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 576 requires the California
24 Department of Health Care Services to fully reimburse providers for the provision of
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1 medication abortion that aligns with clinical guidelines, evidence-based research, and
2 the discretion of the provider; and

3 WHEREAS, Amidst this backdrop, enacting these pieces of legislation empowers
4 California to continue to lead the way to protect the right to access abortion and
5 contraceptive care, especially for those systematically disadvantaged caused by
6 structural inequities; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports
8 California Senate Bill Nos. 36, 345, and 729, as well as California State Assembly Bill
9 Nos. 571 and 576, and urges the California State Legislature to pass these bills; and be
10 it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk
12 of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro
13 Tempore Toni Atkins; California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon; California State
14 Senate Human Services Committee Chair Marie Alvarado Gill; California State
15 Assembly Human Services Committee Chair Corey Jackson; and the bills' primary
16 sponsors Senator Nancy Skinner, Senator Caroline Menjivar, Assembly Member Cottie
17 Petrie-Norris, and Assembly Member Akilah Weber; and Governor Gavin Newsom.

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