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Date: July 24, 2026

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1 [National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day - August 21, 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing August 21, 2026, as National Fentanyl Prevention and**
4 **Awareness Day to honor the lives impacted by the overdose crisis, support families**
5 **and communities affected by substance use disorders, recognize frontline responders**
6 **and service providers, and reaffirm the City's commitment to prevention, treatment,**
7 **recovery, and public safety.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco mourns the lives lost to accidental
10 drug overdoses and recognizes the immeasurable grief caused by the fentanyl epidemic; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the past decade, fentanyl has dramatically altered the landscape of
12 the overdose crisis in San Francisco, replacing much of the illicit heroin supply and
13 increasingly contaminating counterfeit pills and other illicit substances, often without the user's
14 knowledge; and

15 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times more potent than
16 heroin, and as little as two milligrams may cause a fatal overdose depending on the individual;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, More than 70% of accidental overdose deaths in 2024 involved fentanyl
19 according to the CDC, reflecting the extraordinary danger posed by the widespread presence
20 of synthetic opioids in the illicit drug market; and

21 WHEREAS, By the end of 2025, more than 3,000 San Franciscans had lost their lives
22 to fentanyl-related overdoses, representing the deadliest public health emergency since the
23 AIDS epidemic; and

24 WHEREAS, Preliminary data from 2026 demonstrates that San Francisco's accidental
25 overdoses continue to claim hundreds of lives; and

1 WHEREAS, Black San Franciscans continue to experience disproportionately high
2 overdose mortality rates, underscoring longstanding inequities in health outcomes, access to
3 care, housing stability, and behavioral health services; and

4 WHEREAS, The South of Market and Tenderloin neighborhoods continue to
5 experience the largest share of overdose deaths, placing an immense burden on residents,
6 families, businesses, first responders, healthcare professionals, outreach workers, and
7 community organizations serving these neighborhoods; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2025 The Board of Supervisors passed the Recovery First Ordinance
9 that established long-term remission of substance use disorders for individuals as the primary
10 goal of the City's substance use disorder policy; and

11 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the extraordinary dedication of
12 physicians, nurses, behavioral health clinicians, emergency medical personnel, firefighters,
13 police officers, peer counselors, outreach workers, recovery specialists, nonprofit
14 organizations, and countless community advocates who work tirelessly every day to promote
15 prevention, save lives, connect individuals to treatment, and support recovery; and

16 WHEREAS, Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day was established by a grassroots
17 coalition in 2022 to remember and honor the lives lost to overdoses and educate the public
18 about the ongoing nature of this crisis; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes August 21, 2026, as
20 Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City honors the memory of every individual whose life
22 has been lost to overdose, stands with their families and loved ones, and acknowledges the
23 lasting impact these tragedies have had on our communities; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to
25 supporting prevention initiatives, expanding access to behavioral health and substance use

1 disorder treatment, strengthening recovery services, increasing public education regarding the
2 dangers of fentanyl, and ensuring that individuals seeking help can access lifesaving care;
3 and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the invaluable work
5 of healthcare providers, first responders, nonprofit organizations, peer support specialists,
6 recovery advocates, and community-based organizations whose tireless efforts continue to
7 save lives and provide hope to individuals struggling with substance use disorder; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recommits itself to
9 preventing overdose deaths, supporting recovery, promoting public safety, and working
10 toward a future in which no family must endure the loss of a loved one to the fentanyl
11 epidemic.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

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