

1 [Bladder Cancer Awareness Month - May 2019]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming May 2019 as “Bladder Cancer Awareness Month” in the City**  
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, 500,000 families in the United States are impacted by a loved one with  
7 bladder cancer, and more than 80,000 people nationwide will be diagnosed with bladder  
8 cancer in 2019, of which 17,000 will die; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 7,780 Californians will be newly diagnosed with bladder  
10 cancer in 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 6,500 residents of the nine-county Bay Area were diagnosed  
12 with bladder cancer and more than 1,350 died between 2012 and 2016 from bladder cancer;  
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14 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer was the fourth most common cancer among men in San  
15 Francisco between 2008 and 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco firefighters had a greater number of urinary-cancer  
17 diagnoses and cancer-related deaths than the general U.S. population; and

18 WHEREAS, Military veterans are twice as likely as nonveterans to be diagnosed with  
19 bladder cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, Women are often diagnosed at a later stage in the development of bladder  
21 cancer and, when diagnosed at the same stage as men, women have a worse prognosis; and

22 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer affects adults of all ages and backgrounds and is the fifth  
23 most common nonskin cancer in the United States, exceeded only by breast, lung, prostate  
24 and colon cancers; yet, knowledge of the frequency and severity of bladder cancer is minimal;  
25 and

1           WHEREAS, The quality of life of a person with bladder cancer will depend on future  
2 treatment and diagnosis developments, which will rely on research advancements; and

3           WHEREAS, Groundbreaking research to find new treatments and ultimately a cure for  
4 bladder cancer takes place in San Francisco; and

5           WHEREAS, Increased awareness of bladder cancer is vital to promote early diagnosis  
6 and increase the chances of survival, and will bolster public support of the disease and thus  
7 increase funding for innovative research and the development of new treatment options and  
8 diagnostic tools; and

9           WHEREAS, On May 11, 2019, the San Francisco Walk to End Bladder Cancer  
10 sponsored by the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network will be held at the Great Meadow at Fort  
11 Mason and bladder cancer survivors, caregivers, and families who have lost someone will  
12 walk to raise awareness of bladder cancer; and

13           WHEREAS, The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network and its community of patients,  
14 caregivers, and specialists seek to foster a community of hope and support, fund and conduct  
15 research for innovative treatments and diagnostic tools and increase public awareness and  
16 understanding of bladder cancer; and

17           WHEREAS, May has historically been designated Bladder Cancer Awareness Month;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and Country of San Francisco  
20 urge San Francisco communities to promote awareness of bladder cancer, foster  
21 understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families and caregivers, and  
22 take an active role in the fight to end bladder cancer; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and Country of San  
24 Francisco proclaim the month of May 2019 as “Bladder Cancer Awareness Month”.

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