[Declaring the City and County of San Francisco a Sanctuary City for Transgender, Gender

Non-Conforming, Non-Binary, and Two-Spirit People]

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WHEREAS, In 2024 alone, 515 pieces of legislation that target the LGBTQ+ community have been introduced across 40 states; and

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Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, Non-Binary, and Two-Spirit People.

WHEREAS, These bills aim to limit the rights of transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and Two-Spirit (TGNCI2S) people by criminalizing gender affirming healthcare, restricting use of public bathrooms, forcing teachers to out their students, and preventing youth from participating in school activities; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of these bills specifically target transgender youth and their families, resulting in reports of attorneys general from Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, and Texas demanding access to medical records to conduct investigations and threaten patients, and

WHEREAS, As of the date of this Resolution, California law does not restrict access to gender-affirming healthcare and bans insurance exclusions for gender-affirming healthcare; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the State of California passed Senate Bill No. 107, which protects individuals seeking sanctuary from out of state prosecution and explicitly prohibits law enforcement agencies from knowingly making or participating in the arrest or extradition of an individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state's law against receiving gender affirming healthcare in California; and

WHEREAS, Studies from numerous institutions including Stanford and Yale Universities have shown that gender transition, including access to gender-affirming

healthcare, improves the overall wellbeing of transgender people and access to genderaffirming healthcare for youth is associated with better mental health outcomes and lower risks of suicide; and

WHEREAS, In April 2024, NHS England published a report written by Dr. Hilary Cass that led NHS England to ban the use of puberty blockers for young people under 18 years of age, and the report has since been widely critiqued and condemned by trans advocates and organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, which lamented the politicization of gender affirming healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Anti-transgender legislation contributes to violence against the transgender community, contributing to the murders of 32 people in 2023 and 15 people in 2024 in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, A 2022 Pew Research Center survey found that 1.6% of U.S. adults identify as transgender or nonbinary; and

WHEREAS, As a result of anti-transgender legislation, many individuals and families are relocating to states that are more accepting and offer inclusive services; and

WHEREAS, TGNCI2S immigrants, refugees, and asylees also face additional persecution due to their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, in San Francisco's Tenderloin, three years before the Stonewall Riots, a group of trans women led the Compton's Cafeteria riot in response to transphobic harassment from police, with the area around Compton's Cafeteria being commemorated as the world's first Transgender Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has demonstrated its commitment to improving the lives of the TGNCI2S community by providing resources including the Guaranteed Income for Trans People (GIFT) Program through the Office of Transgender Initiatives and by recognizing August as Transgender History Month; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a multitude of service providers who give financial, medical, social, and programmatic support to the transgender community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby reiterates its commitment to TGNCI2S rights and equal protections for TGNCI2S people and declares San Francisco a sanctuary city and a place of safety for TGNCI2S people and providers of gender affirming care.



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Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

June 11, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 6/11/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed Mayor Date Approved