

1 [Concurring in the Continuation of the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency - MPX Virus
2 Outbreak]

3 **Motion concurring in the continuance of the San Francisco Health Officer’s August 1,**
4 **2022, Declaration of Local Health Emergency regarding the outbreak of the MPX virus.**

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6 WHEREAS, On August 1, 2022, the San Francisco Health Officer declared a local
7 health emergency relating to an outbreak of the MPX virus; and

8 WHEREAS, On August 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors ratified the Health Officer’s
9 August 1, 2022 Declaration of a Local Health Emergency; the motion ratifying that Declaration
10 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. 220908; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code requires that the
12 Board of Supervisors review the need for continuing a local health emergency at least every
13 30 days, and proclaim the termination of a local health emergency at the earliest possible date
14 that conditions warrant termination; and

15 WHEREAS, As set forth in the August 1, 2022, Declaration of Local Health Emergency,
16 the MPX outbreak in San Francisco is causing substantial health impacts on San Francisco
17 residents, with some cases resulting in serious medical issues, including, but not limited to,
18 severe pain, difficulty eating, and the potential for scarring of the skin; and

19 WHEREAS, Although the availability of MPX testing and vaccines has improved since
20 August 1, 2022, there remains an ongoing need to educate people about the risks of MPX,
21 work with communities who are traditionally under-represented in the receipt of health care,
22 administer as many vaccinations as possible, obtain additional doses of the vaccine, expand
23 testing and treatment, and otherwise address the current outbreak; and

24 WHEREAS, On September 1, 2022, the Health Officer transmitted a communication to
25 the Board of Supervisors advising that based on the factors listed above, she believes it is in

1 the best interest of San Francisco to continue the local health emergency for 30 days, and
2 requested that that this Board concur in the continuation of the local health emergency; a copy
3 of the communication is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220933;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, On September 6, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion No.
6 M22-143 concurring with the continuation of the local health emergency; and

7 WHEREAS, On September 21, 2022, the Health Officer transmitted a communication
8 to the Board of Supervisors advising that it is in the best interest of San Francisco to continue
9 the local health emergency for 30 days, and requested the Board concur in the continuation of
10 the local health emergency; a copy of the communication is on file with the Clerk of the Board
11 of Supervisors in File No. 221013; now, therefore, be it

12 MOVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors concurs with the continuation of the
13 Declaration of Local Emergency originally issued by the Health Officer on August 1, 2022, and
14 that the Local Health Emergency shall continue until, in consultation with the Health Officer,
15 the Board of Supervisors proclaims the Local Health Emergency is terminated.

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