

1 [Declaring the City and County of San Francisco a Sanctuary City for Transgender, Gender
2 Non-Conforming, Non-Binary, and Two-Spirit People]

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, As of the date of this Resolution, California law does not restrict access to
17 gender-affirming healthcare and bans insurance exclusions for gender-affirming healthcare;
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19 WHEREAS, In 2022, the State of California passed Senate Bill No. 107, which protects
20 individuals seeking sanctuary from out of state prosecution and explicitly prohibits law
21 enforcement agencies from knowingly making or participating in the arrest or extradition of an
22 individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state’s law against
23 receiving gender affirming healthcare in California; and

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

1 healthcare, improves the overall wellbeing of transgender people and access to gender-
2 affirming healthcare for youth is associated with better mental health outcomes and lower
3 risks of suicide; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Anti-transgender legislation contributes to violence against the
10 transgender community, contributing to the murders of 32 people in 2023 and 15 people in
11 2024 in the United States alone; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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