FILE NO. 250986 RESOLUTION NO. 474-25

[Supporting the Rights of Immigrants to Seek Healthcare with Dignity]

Resolution supporting the rights of immigrants to seek healthcare with dignity, respect, and without harassment.

WHEREAS, Immigrants, including naturalized citizens, those with immigration status, and undocumented immigrants, as an integral part of California's society, deserve dignity, respect, and due process of law; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants have a right to seek health care and should not be subjected to fear and anxiety when caring for themselves and their loved ones in need of medical attention; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 10.6 million immigrants, which accounts for a quarter of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of the children in California have at least one immigrant parent, and a little over a third of California's prime-working-age adults, ages 25 to 54, are immigrants; and

WHEREAS, California's immigrant population comes from all over the world, leading with Latin America and Asia, but also including Europe, Africa, North America, and Oceania; and

WHEREAS, California's economy would not rank fourth in the world without the vital contributions of immigrants, who make up a third of California workers; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants play a critical role in safeguarding the health and wellness of Californians, as 35% of our health care workers, 32% of our doctors, and 37% of our registered nurses are immigrants; and

WHEREAS, There have already been horrifying cases of such enforcement in the country, such as a 10-year-old girl with brain cancer being detained and deported while on her way to the hospital for emergency medical treatment in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Existing state law already provides protections to immigrants seeking medical care, which include: 1) the prohibition of an employer voluntarily providing consent to immigration enforcement agents to enter non-public places of labor without a judicial warrant (Government Code, Section 7285.1); 2) the required implementation of the Attorney General's model policies, which limit assistance to immigration enforcement, at health facilities operated by the state or a political subdivision thereof, and the encouraged implementation of the Attorney General's model policies at all entities providing services related to physical or mental health and wellness (Government Code, Section 7284.8); 3) the Confidential Medical Information Act which protects an individual's medical information from unauthorized disclosure; 4) the prohibition of an employer voluntarily providing employee records to an immigration enforcement agent without a subpoena or judicial warrant, except for I-9 forms or other documents for which a Notice of Inspection is required (Government Code, Section 7285.2); and

WHEREAS, The federal government recently rescinded previous policy guidance that prohibited immigration enforcement in "sensitive areas" such as hospitals, schools, and churches; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the County of San Francsico calls on the hospitals, health clinics, and other health providers in this county to stand for the dignity and respect of all communities they serve; the right of all to seek medical care without fear of harassment, arrest, or other harmful actions; and the honoring of ethical guidelines of the medical professional to avoid harm and provide care to all who need it.

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October 07, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter and Sherrill
Absent: 1 - Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/7/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10-17-25

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Date