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RESOLUTION NO.

[Supporting Gender Dysphoria Healthcare Benefits - Urging Healthy San Francisco to Continue Offering Coverage]

Resolution supporting gender dysphoria healthcare and benefits for San Francisco's Health Service System and urging the Healthy San Francisco program to continue offering gender dysphoria coverage.

WHEREAS, Gender dysphoria is a conflict between a person's physical or assigned gender and the gender with which he/she/they personally identify; and

WHEREAS, People with gender dysphoria often experience significant distress and problems functioning associated with this conflict and the way they feel and think of themselves and their physical or assigned gender; and

WHEREAS, In 2001 the San Francisco Health Service System became the first large public employer in the United States to offer gender dysphoria care (including reassignment surgery) as part of its employee health design; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, San Francisco became the first city in the country to cover the cost of gender reassignment surgeries for its uninsured transgender residents; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's offering of gender dysphoria care is recognized today as paving the way for other large employers to offer gender dysphoria treatment benefits coverage; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, a federal judge's Preliminary Injunction temporarily suspended Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) that extended anti-discrimination protections for transgender persons; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 Preliminary Injunction resulted in some large employers dropping transgender benefits coverage; and

Supervisors Farrell; Sheehy BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and Republican Members of Congress are currently calling for the full repeal and replacement of the ACA, with alternatives and specific details unknown; and

WHEREAS, The future guarantee of protection for transgender benefits coverage in health plans offered are uncertain and could be in jeopardy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the San Francisco Health Service System's policy statement to fully recognize medically necessary treatment for gender dysphoria as part of the full scope of benefits offered to members adopted by the Health Service Board on April 13, 2017; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Healthy San Francisco Program to continue offering gender dysphoria benefits and coverage if the Affordable Care Act is repealed and replaced; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the transgender community and their individual healthcare needs, regardless of discriminatory Congressional or Executive action.

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