[Reaffirming Commitment to Women's Access to Affordable Reproductive, Family Planning, and Sexual Health Services in San Francisco]

Resolution denouncing President Trump and the United States Department of Health and Human Services for proposing to prohibit federal Title X funding for federally funded clinics that provide abortions or abortion-related services; and affirming San Francisco's commitment to protect and maintain an individual's choice to receive access to critical women's health services.

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and his administration has been vocal in their opposition to a woman's right to choose what to do with their bodies and to agencies that provide contraception or abortion-related services; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently released proposed changes to prohibit the use of federal Title X Family Planning Program funding for agencies that provide abortions or abortion-related services; and

WHEREAS, The Title X Family Planning Program is critical to women's health in San Francisco because it is the only federal grant program dedicated to funding these services through a network of community-based clinics such as Planned Parenthood Northern California and the Women's Community Clinic in San Francisco, through the San Francisco Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Organizations that provide abortion or abortion-related services also provide critical women's health services such as comprehensive family planning, reproductive and sexual preventive health services and education to individuals regardless of where they live, their income level, their immigration status, race, religion gender identity, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's commitment to open access family planning has led to better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The Trump Administration has stated that HHS' proposed change to Title X funding requirements is not a reinstitution of the Domestic Gag Rule, which was put forth in 1988 and barred health care professionals at Title X-funded health centers from counseling patients on pregnancy options that included abortion or referring patients to abortion providers; however, the proposed change to Title X Family Planning Program fund requirements does bring back elements of and goes beyond the Domestic Gag Rule from 1988; and

WHEREAS, This resolution builds upon the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' commitment to women's health as demonstrated by File No.170102, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors denounces the United States Department of Health and Human Services' proposed changes that would prohibit the use of Title X Family Planning Program funds for programs where abortion is included as an option in family planning services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to champion the right to choose and access to critical women's health services and hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to United States Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, United States Congresswoman Jackie Speier, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, and United States Senator Kamala Harris.



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## Resolution

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June 12, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/12/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mark E. Farrell Mayor

6/22/18

**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.

Clerk of the Board