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**RESOLUTION NO.** 

1	[Endometriosis Awareness Month - March]
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3	Resolution recognizing every March as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in the City
4	and County of San Francisco.
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6	WHEREAS, Endometriosis, also known as "endo", is an inflammatory disease with no
7	cure and no known cause that affects one in 10 people, about 15.5 million people in the
8	United States, and approximately 200 million people worldwide; and
9	WHEREAS, Endometriosis affects mostly women but can also affect men; and
10	WHEREAS, Endometriosis can have a vital effect on the quality of life due to its painful
11	symptoms, as well as have immense personal and societal costs; and
12	WHEREAS, Endometriosis is an inflammatory condition where endometrial tissue,
13	tissue similar to the lining of the uterus, but not the same, grows outside of the uterus; and
14	WHEREAS, Those afflicted with endometriosis can face a lifetime of severe disability
15	and symptoms throughout the entire body, including incapacitating pain, organ failure, several
16	repeat surgeries, infertility, increased risk for cardiovascular disease, increased risk for certain
17	cancers, immune and endocrinological dysfunction, kidney failure, and damage to multiple
18	organs and tissues, including the bowel, bladder, ureters, diaphragm, muscles,
19	musculoskeletal structures, nerves, ligaments, lungs, and liver; and
20	WHEREAS, Due to the potential for such widespread, severe chronic symptoms,
21	endometriosis is also one of the leading causes of school absences in teens; and
22	WHEREAS, Despite alarming statistics, endometriosis receives only pennies on the
23	dollar in federally-funded spending for research and public health awareness campaigns; and
24	WHEREAS, Many people with endometriosis live with debilitating, chronic pain, and
25	between 30 and 50 percent of people with endometriosis experience infertility; and

1 WHEREAS, As a result of decades of under-funding and lack of awareness, those 2 afflicted with endometriosis continue to receive inadequate or inappropriate medical care that 3 includes multiple failed treatments that don't work and/or cause severe injury from severe 4 adverse side effects; and 5 WHEREAS, People with endometriosis experience an average delay of up to 10 years 6 between the first symptoms of pain and the final endometriosis diagnosis and some people 7 have even gone 20-40 years without a proper diagnosis; and 8 WHEREAS, People of color, particularly Black women, are only about half as likely to 9 be diagnosed with endometriosis causing this condition to be even more daunting and 10 stressful; and 11 WHEREAS, There is a need for further research and increased research funding for 12 endometriosis, as research and funding could lead to earlier detection, the discovery of the 13 cause of the disease, a reliable, less invasive, and less costly way to diagnose the disease, 14 more effective ways to manage symptoms, and a cure; now, therefore, be it 15 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes every March as 16 Endometriosis Awareness Month; and, be it 17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the 18 importance of endometriosis as a health issue for people that requires fare greater attention. 19 public awareness, and education about the disease. 20 21 22 23 24 25

## **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on	
Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded	l to the following:
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Sponsor(s):	
Walton, Ronen, Safai, Haney, Chan	
Subject:	
Endometriosis Awareness Month – March	
The text is listed:	
Resolution recognizing every March as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in the C	City and County of San Franci
Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Shamann	Walton

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