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3	Resolution recognizing September 2021 as FemTruth Young Womxn's Health
4	Awareness Month.
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6	WHEREAS, Common womxn's health diseases such as endometriosis, adenomyosis,
7	polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), premenstrual dysphoric disorder, interstitial cystitis, and
8	uterine fibroids have traumatic, life-altering symptoms; and
9	WHEREAS, These diseases are rated among the 20 most painful according to the
10	United Kingdom's National Health Service and American Academy of Pain Medicine; and
11	WHEREAS, The "x" in "womxn's health" represents inclusivity of transgender and
12	nonbinary individuals; and
13	WHEREAS, Womxn's health diseases impact all races, cultures, and religions; and
14	WHEREAS, Womxn's health diseases have historically been subject to bias, myths,
15	and misinformation; and
16	WHEREAS, Symptoms of womxn's health diseases can include, but are not limited to,
17	pelvic pain, organ pain, brain fog, migraines, gastrointestinal symptoms, and fatigue; and
18	WHEREAS, Youth who experience these symptoms are particularly in distress, and are
19	often dismissed, subjected to "medical gaslighting," or told that they are dramatic, attention-
20	seeking, exaggerating, or hypochondriacs; and
21	WHEREAS, Youth who suffer from these diseases are often incorrectly diagnosed and
22	common womxn's health diseases have a delay in diagnosis of an average of 10 years; and
23	WHEREAS, On average, endometriosis, adenomyosis, polycystic ovary syndrome,
24	premenstrual dysphoric disorder, interstitial cystitis, and uterine fibroids affect the lives of 1 in
25	10 womxn; and

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1	WHEREAS, Womxn's health diseases are chronic and cyclical, can be debilitating and
2	flares of these diseases can cause spontaneous disability; and
3	WHEREAS, Many youth have overlapping womxn's health diseases; and
4	WHEREAS, Womxn's health diseases are widely dismissed and misunderstood to be
5	"just a bad period" or "hysteria;" and
6	WHEREAS, If youth who experience painful and debilitating symptoms from this
7	trauma are not believed, it can lead to future fertility complications, as well as social isolation,
8	negative mental health outcomes such as depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation, and
9	school disruptions, including poor test performance and truancy; and
10	WHEREAS, Not believing youth sets the stage for an inner dialogue of self-doubt and
11	low self-esteem, and can lead to permanent disability and future socioeconomic hardship;
12	how and when youth learn about menstrual health, body literacy, and common womxn's
13	health diseases impacts future health outcomes and can limit accurate diagnosis and
14	connection to quality care; and
15	WHEREAS, FemTruth Youth is a movement to provide intentional space, education,
16	self-identity, artistic expression, and wellness empowerment due to the ableism and gender
17	bias in common womxn's health diseases, including, but not limited to, endometriosis,
18	adenomyosis, polycystic ovary syndrome, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, interstitial cystitis,
19	and uterine fibroids, and the stigmatized and gaslighted symptoms related to chronic or
20	cyclical pain and the associated negative mental outcomes of not being believed; and
21	WHEREAS, Early intervention is key to quality of life, family planning, and financial
22	independence; and
23	WHEREAS, An adult who believes a youth experiencing distress caused by a womxn's
24	health disease can change the course of that youth's life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby recognizes the month
of September 2021 as FemTruth Youth Womxn's Health Awareness Month, and encourages
all school officials, leadership, faculty, administration, volunteers, and all other adults
interacting with students to listen to and believe the stories of marginalized youth living with
stigmatized health trauma, including diseases primarily and more severely affecting girls and
people assigned female at birth (AFAB), and to recognize that these diseases contribute to
negative mental health outcomes for these youth and have intersectional implications in areas
such as education and economic status.

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): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Walton, Ronen, Stefani, Melgar, Chan Subject: FemTruth Young Womxn's Health Awareness Month – September 2021 The text is listed: Resolution recognizing September 2021 as FemTruth Young Womxn's Health Awareness Month.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Shamann Walton

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