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RESOLUTION NO. 189-15

[Supporting California Assembly Bill 775 (Chiu and Burke) - The Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act]

Resolution supporting California Assembly Bill 775, co-authored by Assemblymembers David Chiu and Autumn Burke, which advances reproductive freedom, accountability, comprehensive care, and transparency for women in California.

WHEREAS, California and San Francisco both have a long history and proud legacy of respecting the reproductive freedom of women and have provided progressive programs to provide reproductive health care to low income women; and

WHEREAS, The power of these laws and programs are only fully realized when clients are accurately informed of their reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS, When a woman considers termination of a pregnancy, time is a critical factor; and

WHEREAS, Delays in deciding to terminate a pregnancy may mean that a less invasive option is no longer available or that the option to terminate the pregnancy is no longer available; and

WHEREAS, Women in San Francisco County who received Medi-Cal are six times as likely to miss first trimester prenatal care as women with private insurance; and

WHEREAS, There are nearly 200 licensed and unlicensed clinics know as crisis pregnancy centers throughout California whose goal is to interfere with a women's ability to exercise their reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS, These crisis pregnancy centers commonly use false and misleading advertising to discourage women from seeking abortions or misinform them about their health care options; and

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WHEREAS, In 2011 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance No. 212-11, which regulated the false and deceptive advertising practices used by crisis pregnancy centers in San Francisco, which was recently upheld by the Federal District Court earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 775 allows California women to receive the facts they need to make well-informed decisions regarding their reproductive health care; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 775 requires licensed facilities that provide pregnancyrelated care to distribute a notice of health care rights to their patients including information about health insurance coverage for pregnancy related services for eligible low-income California residents; and

WHEREAS, Unlicensed facilities that provide pregnancy-related services will be required to clearly post and disclose in their marketing material that they are not licensed by the State of California and do not have licensed medical providers on staff; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no State law that requires the distribution of this type of information to clients seeking reproductive healthcare services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco strongly supports Assembly Bill 775, The Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that women must have notice and accurate information about their reproductive healthcare rights in order to exercise their protected Constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy.

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May 19, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee Excused: 1 - Kim

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/19/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

5/29/15

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.

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