

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1909 (Gonzalez) - Healing Arts Licensees:
2 Virginitiy Examinations or Tests]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1909, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Lorena Gonzalez, which would ban virginitiy examinations or tests and**
5 **penalize any medical practitioner who performs or supervises these medically**
6 **meritless pelvic exams.**

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8 WHEREAS, In 2018, the United Nations Human Rights Office, United Nations Women
9 and the World Health Organization, and the World Health Organization issued a joint,
10 interagency call for a global ban on so-called "virginitiy testing" in an effort to eliminate this
11 medically unnecessary and painful practice that contributes to the violence that girls and
12 women continue to endure in the United States and abroad; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2018, the United Nations Human Rights Office, United Nations Women
14 and the World Health Organization, and the World Health Organization released an
15 interagency statement calling "virginitiy testing" a violation of a girl's and woman's human
16 rights; and

17 WHEREAS, "Virginitiy" testing, also referred to as hymen, "two-finger", or per vaginal
18 examination, is currently not banned under, both, federal or California law; and

19 WHEREAS, Per the 1964 World Medical Association's Declaration of Helsinki, it is the
20 physician's responsibility to protect the health of the people and those physician's performing
21 these unsound and unnecessary medical exams are violating their ethical principle of doing
22 no harm; and

23 WHEREAS, "Virginitiy testing" violates a girl's and a woman's right to be protected from
24 sex discrimination; and

1 WHEREAS, "Virginity testing" violates a girl's or woman's rights to physical integrity
2 and privacy; and

3 WHEREAS, In November of 2019, New York State Assembly Member Michaelle
4 Solages introduced legislation to ban "virginity testing" in New York stating that it is used to
5 control girls and women; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 supports AB 1909; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco acknowledges that "virginity testing" is a degrading form of sexual violence that is
10 scientifically meritless and used to control, intimidate, and silence girls and women in the
11 United States and abroad; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify
13 members from Congress from San Francisco and the United States Senators from California
14 with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution; and,
15 be, it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
17 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State
18 Legislature and City Lobbyist upon passage.



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Resolution

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Date Passed: January 28, 2020

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January 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/28/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Galvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

02/07/20

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Galvillo
Clerk of the Board

2/7/2020

Date