Resolution recognizing every March as “Endometriosis Awareness Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Endometriosis, also known as “endo”, is an inflammatory disease with no cure and no known cause that affects 1 in 10 people, about 15.5 million people in the United States, and approximately 200 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Endometriosis affects mostly women but can also affect men; and

WHEREAS, Endometriosis can have a vital effect on the quality of life due to its painful symptoms, as well as have immense personal and societal costs; and

WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a chronic, inflammatory disease characterized by the presence of endometrial-like tissue found outside the uterus in other areas of the body; and

WHEREAS, Those afflicted with endometriosis can face a lifetime of severe disability and symptoms throughout the entire body, including incapacitating pain, organ failure, several repeat surgeries, infertility, increased risk for cardiovascular disease, increased risk for certain cancers, immune and endocrinological dysfunction, kidney failure, and damage to multiple organs and tissues, including the bowel, bladder, ureters, diaphragm, muscles, musculoskeletal structures, nerves, ligaments, lungs, and liver; and

WHEREAS, Due to the potential for such widespread, severe chronic symptoms, endometriosis is also one of the leading causes of school absences in teens; and

WHEREAS, Despite alarming statistics, endometriosis receives only pennies on the dollar in federally-funded spending for research and public health awareness campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Many people with endometriosis live with debilitating, chronic pain, and between 30 and 50 percent of people with endometriosis experience infertility; and
WHEREAS, As a result of decades of under-funding and lack of awareness, those afflicted with endometriosis continue to receive inadequate or inappropriate medical care that includes multiple failed treatments that don’t work and/or cause severe injury from severe adverse side effects; and

WHEREAS, People with endometriosis experience an average delay of up to 10 years between the first symptoms of pain and the final endometriosis diagnosis and some people have even gone 20-40 years without a proper diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, People of color, particularly Black women, are only about half as likely to be diagnosed with endometriosis causing this condition to be even more daunting and stressful; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for further research and increased research funding for endometriosis, as research and funding could lead to earlier detection, the discovery of the cause of the disease, a reliable, less invasive, and less costly way to diagnose the disease, more effective ways to manage symptoms, and a cure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes every March as Endometriosis Awareness Month; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of endometriosis as a health issue for people that requires fare greater attention, public awareness, and education about the disease.
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March 09, 2021 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

March 09, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 3/9/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

3/19/2021

Date Approved

Mayor

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 Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/19/2021

Date