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[National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month - April 2025]

Resolution recognizing the month of April 2025 as, "National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month" in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Sexual violence remains a pervasive and urgent public health issue affecting individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sexual violence can take many forms, including acquaintance rape, intimate partner sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and sex trafficking, and it impacts people of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly one in two women and one in five men experience sexual violence other than rape throughout their lifetime, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified sexual assault as a significant, costly, and preventable health issue; and

WHEREAS, In California alone, an estimated 1,000,000 residents are sexually assaulted each year, and over 2,000,000 rape survivors currently reside in the state; and

WHEREAS, One in nine girls and one in 20 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault, underscoring the critical importance of prevention, education, and survivor support beginning in early life and within our communities; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of sexual assault too often suffer long-term physical and emotional effects, including post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS. It is our responsibility to support all survivors of sexual assault by treating them with dignity, compassion, and respect; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the strength, courage, and resilience of survivors, as well as the challenges faced by their families and loved ones as they cope with the trauma of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, The compassion and dedication of advocates, service providers, healthcare professionals, and justice system partners are vital to helping survivors heal and to increasing public understanding of this widespread issue; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, communitybased organizations, and public agencies continue to address the crisis of sexual violence through coordinated services, education, and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, National and statewide campaigns such as Denim Day raise awareness and challenge harmful myths about sexual assault, including victim-blaming attitudes that persist in society and institutions; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is steadfast in its commitment to supporting survivors, raising awareness, preventing sexual violence, and ensuring access to culturally responsive support services for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors officially recognizes the month of April 2025 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.



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Resolution

File Number: 250301 Date Passed: April 08, 2025

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April 08, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar,

Sherrill and Walton Excused: 1 - Sauter

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/8/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 04/18/2025

Daniel Lurie 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 his 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

04/18/2025 Date