Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hate and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBQ+ protections.

WHEREAS, In 2022, the country witnessed unprecedented levels of extremist ring-wing transphobic and queerphobic rhetoric and violence across the United States; and;

WHEREAS, Elected officials and candidates across the nation have espoused extremist rhetoric to promote their political platforms founded on hatred, intention to harm, and the scapegoating of transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) people; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a vibrant hub of queer culture for local residents; a destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world; and a globally recognized source of inspiration for resistance, freedom, and respect for transgender and LGBQ+ people; and

WHEREAS, The City is a sanctuary destination for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender individuals fleeing discrimination and violence across the United States and globally; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically been the epicenter of political and legislative victories promoting equality and protections for the LGBTQ+ community, including the early sanctioning of same-sex marriage, the election of Harvey Milk, and an early historic ban on discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation; and
WHEREAS, San Francisco is also a global epicenter for drag entertainment and culture with a rich and extensive history of drag as a medium of liberation for transgender and queer individuals dating back to the early twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically supported transgender and LGBQ+ youth, and schools have mandates to support LGBTQ+ students by preventing bullying, referring to students by their gender pronouns and name, respecting students’ dress and behavior regardless of whether it conforms with stereotypes associated with their gender, and providing access to gender-neutral restrooms; and

WHEREAS, The extremist rhetoric has catalyzed violent attacks and harassment of LGBTQ+ spaces and drag artists by individuals exhibiting hatred towards transgender and queer people, including in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Spaces dedicated for refuge, community, and boundless gender expression, as characterized by the artistry of drag, for the LGBTQ+ community are no longer perceived as safe and free of violence; and

WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBQ+ youth and adults have been targeted through legislation and cruel initiatives by extremists all over the country, including Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide efforts to suppress LGBTQ+ history and education, prevent students from using their pronouns without fear of retaliation, and vilify drag performers continue to spread nationwide; and

Supervisors Preston; Mandelman, Dorsey, Ronen, Walton, Safai, Melgar, Peskin, Stefani, Chan, Engardio

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WHEREAS, Transgender youth and adults have been especially targeted through proposed bans on and restrictions on the provision, coverage, and availability of gender-affirming healthcare; and

WHEREAS, The American Medical Association has recognized the importance and medical necessity of gender-affirming care for youth; and

WHEREAS, Transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer history intersects with the history of poor, homeless, and criminalized people, as well as Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, and is ultimately intimately tied with their liberation; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco-based transgender and LGBQ+ programs and providers have received hate and harassment after announcing transgender-focused programs; and

WHEREAS, Transgender and LGBQ+ students, their parents, and others have been subjected to harassment in San Francisco’s public spaces; and

WHEREAS, The increasing use of transphobic and queerphobic extremist rhetoric as a political strategy demands a renewal by San Francisco leaders of the city’s commitment to continue to be a sanctuary for the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, The connection between safety in LGBTQ+ spaces and protections for trans youth and adults is undeniable and must be prioritized; and, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commits to protecting transgender and LGBQ youth and adults' lives and gender expression from hateful conduct; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges elected officials, schools, and youth-serving institutions in San Francisco to adopt and implement policies and programs to celebrate and protect transgender and LGBQ+ youth and adults; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the educational development, safety, and academic inclusion of transgender youth in schools and youth-serving institutions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board supports the prompt implementation of the Queer Transgender Parent Advisory Council by the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to help the district create a welcoming and protective environment for its queer and transgender students and families amid continued anti-queer and anti-trans sentiment around the country; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on SFUSD to affirm and ensure compliance with the California School Success and Opportunity Act (Assembly Bill 1266); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes that access to gender-affirming care is crucial and can be lifesaving; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board will continue to fund social programs benefiting transgender adults and youth at risk of, and currently experiencing, homelessness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns hateful anti-trans attacks, both in San Francisco and beyond, as well as the growing list of anti-trans legislation introduced and enacted in dozens of states across the nation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for the protection of transgender and LGBTQ+ youth and adults in San Francisco.
Resolution

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April 04, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/4/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

04/14/2023

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
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04/14/2023