Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 388, authored by Assembly Member Monique Limón and co-authored by California State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, to require the California State Department of Public Health to implement the Health Brain Initiative: State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia, the 2018-2023 Road Map and establish a pilot program in up to eight counties to develop local initiatives to raise awareness on Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementias.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is the third leading cause of death impacting millions of lives throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Less than half of all Californians affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias have not been formerly diagnosed by a clinician; and

WHEREAS, Although the onset of Alzheimer’s cannot yet be stopped or reversed, early detection and diagnosis can make it easier for patients and their families to manage the disease; and

WHEREAS, Under current California law, the California Department of Public Health administers grants to any postsecondary high education institutions with a medical center to establish diagnostic and treatment centers for Alzheimer’s; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published the “Health Brain Initiative: State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia, The 2018-2023 Road Map,” to establish a nationwide framework for addressing Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; and
WHEREAS, The Healthy Brain Initiative advances cognitive health as an integral component of public health by proposing 25 specific actions in four traditional domains of public health including epidemiology, environmental, interventions, community programs linked to clinical services; and

WHEREAS, The Healthy Brain Initiative provides a foundation for the public health community to anticipate and respond to the growing impact of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias in California where a 30 percent increase in the affected population is projected by 2025; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health shall expand California’s public health infrastructure to ensure that brain health is integrated into chronic disease prevention by coordinating a statewide public awareness campaign focused on Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health will educate the public on the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias in order to promote early detection and timely diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health will reach populations at risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, including, but not limited to African Americans, Latinx, and women; and

WHEREAS, Upon appropriation by the State Legislature, the California Department of Public Health will operate a pilot program in up to eight counties to develop local initiatives consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health will provide on-time grant funding over three consecutive fiscal years to pilot counties to assist in the following: education and empowerment of the public with regard to brain health and cognitive aging; mobilizing public and private partnerships to engage local stakeholders in effective
community-based interventions; ensure a competent workforce by strengthening the
knowledge, skills, and abilities of health care professionals and family caregivers who deliver
care and services to people with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; and monitor data
and evaluate programs to contribute to evidence-based practices; and

WHEREAS, Counties applying for the pilot program must incorporate the following
fundamental planning principles: eliminating health disparities; collaborating across multiple
sectors; and leveraging public and private partnerships for sustained impact; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 388 is designed to address the costs of treating
Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias which cost the nation $2.3 trillion in Medicaid costs
annually; and

WHEREAS, The lifetime cost of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias is over
$340,000 despite significant help from the Medi-Cal program, the bulk of costs are incurred by
families paying out of pocket for long-term services and support; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 388 will take active steps in improving patient outcomes
and reducing costs associated with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; now, therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges
the California Legislature and Governor Newsom to support and pass California State
Assembly Bill No. 388; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of
Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the
Governor of the State of California, the California State Assembly, the California State Senate,
the California Assembly Budget Committee Chair Assembly Member Phil Ting, the California
Assembly Health and Human Services Committee Acting Chair Assembly Member Eloise
Gomez Reyes, the California Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Senator

Supervisors Walton; Peskin, Brown, Mar, Haney
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Holly Mitchell, and the California Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair Senator Richard Pan.
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May 21, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 190554

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/21/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UnSigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/31/19
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 Calvillo
Clerk of the Board