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## RESOLUTION NO. 440-17

[Cancer Screen Week - December 4, 2017, through December 8, 2017]

Resolution declaring December 4, 2017, through December 8, 2017, as Cancer Screen Week, identifying the burden of cancer in San Francisco and the United States, and urging citizens to talk with their healthcare providers about appropriate screenings for prevention and early detection of cancer.

WHEREAS, In 2017 the American Cancer Society estimates more than 600,000 people will lose their lives to cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 59,400 people in California will die from cancer in 2017; and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute estimates up to 210,000 deaths in the United States could be avoided with early and appropriate cancer screening; and

WHEREAS, Improvements in screening and early detection of cancer, coupled with advancements in cancer treatment have led to an increase in five-year survival for the most common types of cancer combined from 50% in 1975 to 66% today; and

WHEREAS, According to five-year survival data from the National Institutes of Health: 56% of lung cancers; 90% of colon cancers; 92% of cervical cancers; and 99% of breast and skin cancers can be curative if found at local stage; and

WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable, and early detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not always cause symptoms, and many occur in people with no family history; and

WHEREAS, Specific cancer types disproportionately affect different populations, for example: breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among Black women; nine out of ten cases of colon cancer occur in people over 50 years old, and the likelihood of developing

Supervisor Sheehy BOARD OF SUPERVISORS colon cancer is greater for people of African-American or Eastern European descent; cervical cancer is more prevalent among Hispanic and African-American women; two out of three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older; and melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is among the most common cancers in young adults; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rates of cancer screenings in recommended populations have either become stagnant or declined in recent years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is critical to reinforce the need for people of all ages and backgrounds to discuss their individual risk factors for cancer with their healthcare providers and understand the recommendations for, and benefits of, cancer screening; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens of San Francisco are encouraged to visit www.cancerscreenweek.org for cancer screening resources and talk to their healthcare providers about their risk factors for all cancer types including, but not limited to, breast, cervical, colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers and available screening options; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the first week of December 2017 be declared as Cancer Screen Week in the City and County of San Francisco.

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December 05, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/5/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned Mayor

12/15/2017

**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 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