

1 [Ratifying the County Health Officer’s Declaration of a Local Health Emergency Regarding
2 Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)]

3 **Motion ratifying the March 6, 2020, City and County of San Francisco Health Officer’s**
4 **Declaration of Local Health Emergency, regarding Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019**
5 **(COVID-19).**

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7 WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 authorizes the local
8 health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer’s jurisdiction whenever
9 the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the
10 public health due to the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed issued a
13 Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency under Government Code
14 Sections 8550 *et seq.*, San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14), and San Francisco
15 Administrative Code Chapter 7 (“Mayor’s Local Emergency Declaration”), establishing the
16 existence of an emergency within the City and County of San Francisco due to the ongoing
17 spread of a novel coronavirus, referred to as Coronavirus Disease 2019 or “COVID-19”; and

18 WHEREAS, On March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred by motion with the
19 Mayor’s Local Emergency Declaration, and in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the
20 emergency; and

21 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2020, the Mayor’s Office and the San Francisco Department
22 of Public Health announced that two individuals in San Francisco had contracted COVID-19
23 without any known avenue of transmission, suggesting the contagion was community-
24 acquired by the individuals and that the virus is circulating in the Bay Area; and

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1 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the City and County of San Francisco Health Officer
2 (“Health Officer”) declared a Local Health Emergency based on the scientific literature, facts
3 and circumstances described in documents on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
4 in File No. 200265, finding an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the
5 introduction of COVID-19 in the City and County of San Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, By declaring a local health emergency, the Health Officer activates the
7 provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 101085, California Government Code
8 Section 8659, and as otherwise provided for by law; and

9 WHEREAS, Under California Health and Safety Code Section 101080, a Health
10 Officer’s declaration of a local health emergency may remain in effect for up to seven days,
11 and must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors in order to continue beyond that period; and

12 WHEREAS, the Health Officer, based on the current facts regarding the continuing
13 spread of COVID-19, thinks the emergency relating to COVID-19 will persist beyond seven
14 days; and;

15 WHEREAS, The Health Officer respectfully requests that the San Francisco Board of
16 Supervisors ratify the Health Officer’s Declaration of Local Health Emergency dated March 6,
17 2020, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 200265; now, therefore, be
18 it

19 MOVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the Health Officer’s
20 Declaration of Local Health Emergency dated March 6, 2020, and that the Local Health
21 Emergency shall continue beyond March 13, 2020, until, in consultation with the Health
22 Officer, the Board of Supervisors proclaims the Local Health Emergency is terminated.

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City and County of San Francisco

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March 10, 2020 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED

Ayes: 10 - Fewer, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani,
Walton and Yee
Absent: 1 - Haney

File No. 200265

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 3/10/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board