[Urging the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Health and Human Services to Accelerate the Purchasing and Distribution of Monkeypox Vaccines]

Resolution urging the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Health and Human Services to urgently accelerate the purchasing and distribution of monkeypox vaccines, prioritize vaccine access for populations at the highest risk of contracting the virus, and eliminate administrative barriers to treatment.

WHEREAS, Monkeypox is a formerly rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus; and

WHEREAS, Monkeypox primarily spreads through prolonged skin to skin contact, sex, kissing, breathing at very close range, or sharing bedding and clothing; and

WHEREAS, Monkeypox can cause fever, headache, muscle aches, chills, exhaustion, rashes, and sores; and

WHEREAS, Monkeypox has recently spread to non-endemic countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, Monkeypox is spreading quickly in cities with disproportionately large populations of men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) and trans people, and disproportionately impacting these populations; and

WHEREAS, Confirmed cases in San Francisco increased from 16 on June 29, 2022, to 60 on July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, This is likely an undercount given a lack of access to widespread testing; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public recommends getting a vaccine within 14 days of exposure to monkeypox; and

WHEREAS, Many people who have been exposed to monkeypox in San Francisco report being unable to access vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) ordered 2.5 million doses of Bavarian Nordic's JYNNEOS, an FDA-licensed vaccine indicated for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox; and

WHEREAS, The July 1 order brings the total number of JYNNEOS vaccines HHS plans to purchase to just over 4 million; and

WHEREAS, HHS is planning to deliver those doses, enough to fully vaccinate approximately 2 million people, over the remainder of 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, A 2016 study titled "Estimating the Population Sizes of Men Who Have Sex With Men in US States and Counties Using Data From the American Community Survey" published in the JMIR Public Health and Surveillance found that there are approximately 4,503,080 self-reported MSM living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The same study also found that among counties with over 300,000 residents, San Francisco has the highest county-level percentage of MSM in the United States, at 18.5% of adult men; and

WHEREAS, A 2016 report by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found that there are approximately 1,400,000 self-identified transgender adults living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The United Kingdom, Germany, and Canada are now offering monkeypox vaccines to anyone deemed at high risk of infection, while the United States continues to limit the vaccine to people at high risk of infection with presumed exposures; and

WHEREAS, The 4 million doses the federal government plans to distribute through the end of 2023 will not be enough to fully vaccinate even half of the United States' MSM and trans population; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to immediately release a vaccine prioritization plan based on risk of contracting the virus and medical vulnerability; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Department of Health and Human Services to purchase and distribute enough doses to vaccinate everyone at risk of contracting the virus, including all MSM, trans people, and sex workers; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate all possible administrative and bureaucratic barriers to treatment access; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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July 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/19/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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

7/29/2022 Date