

**HEALTH COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 14-15**

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the annual incidence of breast cancer in San Francisco is 118.4 women per 100,000, and the mortality rate is 17.7 women per 100,000; and,

WHEREAS, there is a continuing gap in treatment outcomes for underserved populations diagnosed with breast cancer; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health is committed to promoting the health of all San Franciscans through public health interventions and provision of health services; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS), a public health intervention, is designed to expand services to underserved populations of women; to coordinate breast and cervical cancer screening services within the San Francisco public health system; and to collaborate with other existing programs providing breast and cervical cancer screening, education and advocacy services; and,

WHEREAS, Services are provided at San Francisco General Hospital's (SFGH) 5M Breast Education and Referral Clinic (BERC), 3M Breast Clinic, Tom Waddell's Women's Clinic, SAGE Clinic, San Francisco County Jails and Curry Senior Services; and,

WHEREAS, BCCS staff assist women in finding services convenient and appropriate to age, health status and income level; and,

WHEREAS, BCCS collaborates with community residents and community based private and public organizations to respond to breast and cervical cancer and general well being issues of the community served;

WHEREAS, the Avon Comprehensive Breast Care Center (ACBCC) at San Francisco General Hospital, which serves all San Franciscans and is the "safety net" for all uninsured and underinsured women in the City, provides state-of-art mammography, biopsies and over 11,000 breast imaging studies annually; and,

WHEREAS, BCCS and ACBCC staff collaborate to assist women with breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services, follow-up appointments, education, outreach and referrals, all of which are available in Cantonese, Mandarin and Spanish as well as English;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the San Francisco Health Commission and the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women recognize the San Francisco Department of Public Health's excellent programs

and work in encouraging screening and providing sensitive, appropriate, timely, and supportive care and celebrates those efforts during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2014.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting on September 16, 2014 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Health Commission Secretary