

**HEALTH COMMISSION  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
Resolution No. 17-2

**IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA END OF LIFE OPTION ACT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK**

WHEREAS, With the passage of AB 15, which became effective on June 9, 2016, California became the fifth state to legalize “aid-in-dying”, after Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and Montana; and

WHEREAS, the California End of Life Option Act permits “aid-in-dying” which enables terminally ill adults with the capacity to make medical decisions, to request a prescription for an aid-in-dying drug to end their life in a humane and dignified manner; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDH) recognizes the diversity of perspectives on end-of-life decisions; and

WHEREAS, SFPDH supports the advancement of end of life care, including palliative care practices as expressed in Health Commission Resolution 14-18; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors previously passed a resolution (File No. 150629) in support of SB 128, an earlier version of AB 15; and

WHEREAS, SFPDH respects that the end of life is a ~~difficult-complex~~ time for individuals with terminal illness and recognizes that the practice of “aid-in-dying” provides another option for patients to consider; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that appropriate San Francisco Health Network patients who wish to access this option have a pathway to do so, SFPDH convened a multi-disciplinary Advisory Committee with representation from across the San Francisco Health Network to develop a policy for implementation of the California End of Life Option Act; and

WHEREAS, SFPDH’s policy supports the provision of a spectrum of end-of-life care for San Francisco Health Network patients, which has long included hospice and palliative care, and, now includes the End of Life Option Act; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission supports the rights of patients to make medical decisions for themselves at the end of their life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission commends SFPDH’s proactive and system-wide approach to provide end of life care for its patients;

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of February 7, 2017 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz  
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission