

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 18-6**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF BARBARA GARCIA AND HONORING HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

WHEREAS, Barbara Garcia served the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) with insightful and innovative leadership dedication from 1997 until 2018; and

WHEREAS, She effectively led the DPH as Director of Health from 2011 until 2018; her previous DPH positions include Deputy Director, Director of Community Substance Abuse Services, and Director of Homeless Services; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at the DPH, Ms. Garcia strengthened many underserved communities through effective DPH partnerships; and exhibited deep compassion for individuals experiencing homelessness, trauma, poverty, mental health issues, and substance use issues, and

WHEREAS, Under Ms. Garcia's leadershipstrategic direction, the DPH was effectively reorganized, creating two new divisions. The San Francisco Health Network is a comprehensive healthcare delivery system consisting of two world-class hospitals, community health centers, behavioral health services, and Jail Health Services. The Population Health Division provides groundbreaking public health programs in the areas of Environmental Health, Disease Prevention and Control, Emergency Medical Services, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; and

WHEREAS, Early in her tenure as Director of Health, Ms. Garcia prioritized the financial stability of the DPH by creating reserve funds to assist the Department in economic downturns and corrected historical structural issues in the budget; and

WHEREAS, Her many accomplishments include achieving Public Health Accreditation for the DPH, completing the new Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, leading the DPH through the complex implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and making a DPH centralized electronic health record project a reality; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the DPH created numerous programs that changed the topography of the public health service system including the Homeless Outreach Team, Street Medicine, Treatment on Demand, Sobering Center, Medical Respite, the Getting to Zero and Vision Zero collective impact initiatives, Children's Oral Health Collaborative, the Black/African American Health Initiative, integration of primary care and behavioral health in DPH clinics, diversion treatment programs, numerous harm reduction policies, and DPH-wide training in racial humility and trauma informed systems, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia also mentored many DPH staff and members of the community, many of whom were women of color, to empower these individuals to reach their personal and professional potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission extends its gratitude to Barbara Garcia for her 21 years of impactful service and many contributions to the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of October 16, 2018 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission