Whereas, The San Francisco Department of Public Health’s (SFDPH) Strategic Plan prioritizes engagement in state and federal advocacy in order to ensure that health policy changes are consistent with Department priorities; and

Whereas, SFDPH’s advocacy activities are coordinated in the Office of Policy and Planning, which, through legislative analysis, participation in statewide coalitions, and collaboration with community partners and colleagues from other counties, reviews and analyzes health-related legislation for the Department and the City; and

Whereas, A number of important issues that will have a significant impact on achievement of SFDPH’s budget priorities and the citywide Community Health Improvement priorities will likely be considered by state and federal legislative bodies in 2020, including health care reform and Medi-Cal, behavioral health, maternal, child and adolescent health, hospital and county health funding, and population health and prevention; and

Whereas, SFDPH participates in a number of statewide associations representing various county health professionals, including health executives, health officers, public hospital executives, and behavioral health directors, to ensure that San Francisco positions are represented in coalition positions on legislation; and

Whereas, SFDPH coordinates engagement in state and federal policymaking and legislative advocacy through the Mayor’s Office of Legislative and Government Affairs to advocate for health policy that is consistent with SFDPH and citywide priorities; and

Whereas, The City maintains lobbyists in Washington, DC and Sacramento, with whom SFDPH staff works to ensure that health policy positions approved by the Mayor’s Office and consistent with SFDPH priorities are represented in federal and state advocacy; and

Whereas, SFDPH’s 2020 state and federal legislative plans reflect SFDPH’s health policy priorities, and are an important tool for the City to advocate for health policy and legislation;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Health Commission approves SFDPH’s 2020 federal and state legislative plans.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of January 7, 2020 adopted the foregoing resolution.

__________________________________
Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission