

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 107 (WIENER), A BILL REGARDING
GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, California has long fostered a welcoming environment for members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, multiple states and other jurisdictions around the country have proposed or passed legislation or executive actions that restrict the ability of transgender and gender-diverse youth to obtain gender-affirming medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, failing to provide evidence-based information to assist transgender and gender-diverse youth and families in medical decision-making can prolong or exacerbate gender dysphoria and contribute to abuse and stigmatization, and recommends that “youth who identify as transgender have access to comprehensive, gender-affirming, and developmentally appropriate health care provided in a safe and inclusive clinical space;” and

WHEREAS, the Trevor Project’s 2021 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health found that 52% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, and that youth who identify as transgender or gender-diverse experience disproportionately high rates of homelessness, physical violence, substance abuse, and

high-risk sexual behaviors; and

WHEREAS, California State Senator Scott Wiener introduced Senate Bill 107 to provide protections for transgender and gender-diverse youth and their families to be able to seek appropriate health care in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo strives to promote the principles of equality and justice for all people, recognizing that the diversity of our communities is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo in June 2014 established California's first dedicated LGBTQ Commission to pursue the development of policies and programs to support the LGBTQ+ community and ensure access to services that are welcoming, respectful, and responsive; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo launched the San Mateo County Pride Center, now in its fifth year, which offers a myriad of support services for the Transgender and Gender-Diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation aligns with the County of San Mateo's long history of supporting the Transgender community, including an annual observation of the Transgender Day of Remembrance and the raising of the Transgender Flag, and the development of a Transgender Policy for County employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County supports Senate Bill 107 regarding gender-affirming health care and directs the President of the Board to issue a letter in support of the measure.