HONORING DR. DAVID WOODS

WHEREAS, Dr. David Woods has served the City and County of San Francisco as an exceptional leader at the Department of Public Health (DPH) for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, During Dr. Woods’ tenure with the DPH, he served in the following leadership roles: Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) Critical Care Clinical Pharmacist, ZSFG Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor, CHN Formulary Manager, Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) Director of Pharmacy, and DPH Chief Pharmacy Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods guided the DPH Pharmacy Department through major expansions of new buildings at LHH and ZSFG, ensuring uncompromising ability of his team to provide the highest quality pharmaceutical care to the patients of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods oversaw more than a decade of constant technology and equipment advances such as computerized provider order entry (CPOE), enterprise-wide adoption of EPIC, and multiple implementations of robotic automation throughout the DPH Network; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods embraced the LEAN principles and cultivated a culture of data-driven improvement. His “True North” has always been the care of patients, and he instilled that mindset into the Pharmacy Department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods broke down barriers to medication access for patients in San Francisco through the creation and expansion of programs such as the Patient Assistance Program, the federal 340b Drug Discount Program, and a robust network of pharmacies for patients to access to medications; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods instilled and promoted a “Just Culture” throughout the Pharmacy Department, striking the delicate balance of fairness, support, and development with accountability; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods continuously advocated from a patient-centered perspective and challenged all levels of staff to view their role as critical to the successful delivery of high-quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Woods prioritized staff development and explored ways to maximize the talents and strengths of his team; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career at the DPH, Dr. Woods promoted, advocated and facilitated fiscal responsibility and evidence-based prescribing practices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woods is a dedicated professional whose competence, integrity, and empathy are reasons he is respected and admired by staff, colleagues, and those who have supervised him.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The San Francisco Health Commission honors Dr. David Woods for his outstanding service and leadership.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 15, 2022 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Dan Bernal
Dan Bernal, Health Commission President