BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

On the motion of Supervisor: Duly seconded by Supervisor:

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS, ADVANCING EQUITY, AND ENSURING THE WELLBEING OF LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS AND WOMEN

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz is a diverse and inclusive community, that has officially supported and celebrated the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, the County of Santa Cruz adopted Resolution No. 153-2024 declaring Santa Cruz a Sanctuary County for transgender, gender queer, non-binary, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, and intersex people (a copy of the resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the County of Santa Cruz adopted Resolution No. 152-2022 affirming the County's role as a champion of Reproductive Freedom and the importance of safe and legal access to reproductive care to allow individuals to make informed healthcare decisions, retain autonomy over their bodies, and achieve their full potential (a copy of the resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit 2); and

WHEREAS, ensuring that all people have access to the services they need is essential to the wellbeing of all Santa Cruz County residents; and

WHEREAS, gender-affirming and reproductive healthcare have been proven time and time again to be safe and medically accepted, and information about, and access to, these services is key to empowering individuals to lead healthy, happy lives; and

WHEREAS, the stated intention of the current presidential administration and congressional majority are likely to conflict with the County's Strategic Plan and previous commitments to protect the rights of, and support, LGBTQ+ individuals and women in their pursuit of healthy, happy lives (collectively "Stated Values"); and

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WHEREAS, fears that the federal administration might seek to collect and use sensitive personal health data for discriminatory purposes are likely to have a chilling effect on the utilization of health and reproductive services, with LGBTQ+ individuals and women choosing not to seek out the health services they need; and

WHEREAS, deferred care negatively affects not only the people postponing service, but also society at large, as unattended problems become more costly and harder to resolve over time;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz resolves and orders that:

- 1. The County of Santa Cruz hereby reaffirms its commitment to protect, serve, and support LGBTQ+ individuals and women in their pursuit of health and happiness, and their private exercise of bodily autonomy.
- The Board commends the ongoing efforts of local institutions, organizations, and individuals working to include and support LGBTQ+ individuals and women in Santa Cruz County.
- 3. The County Administrative Officer is directed to work with County departments and community partners to identify opportunities and resources to ensure LGBTQ+ individuals and women continue to have access to the services they need to lead healthy, happy lives without fear of retaliation or discrimination, and to ensure that the County is actively communicating this commitment in a manner that effectively reaches impacted community members.
- 4. The County Administrative Officer is directed to work with County departments to identify any policy of the state or federal government that will impact the funding or continuation of services in accordance with the County's commitment to the wellbeing, privacy, and autonomy of LGBTQ+ individuals and women ("Conflicting Policy").
- 5. The County Administrative Officer is directed to bring to the Board recommended actions with the goal of upholding the County's Strategic Plan and previous commitments of the County as soon as possible after identifying any Conflicting Policy, including by requesting that the Chair call a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors if timely action is needed.
- 6. All County departments are directed to review their confidentiality policies to ensure eligible individuals are not discouraged from seeking services or

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Attachment(s): Exhibit 1 – Resolution 153-2024 Declaring Sanctuary County for Transgender, Gender Diverse, and Intersex People Exhibit 2 – Resolution 152-2022 Affirming the County of Santa Cruz's Commitment to Protect Reproductive Rights



RESOLUTION NO. 153-2024

On the motion of Supervisor Friend: Duly seconded by Supervisor Koenig:

The following resolution is adopted:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNTY FOR TRANSGENDER, GENDER QUEER, NON-BINARY, GENDER FLUID, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, AND INTERSEX PEOPLE

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, California law does not restrict access to gender-affirming health care and bans insurance exclusions for gender-affirming health care; and

WHEREAS, other states may adopt or expand laws that impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions on health care professionals who provide gender-affirming health care and on persons who seek, receive, or assist another in receiving gender-affirming health care in states or jurisdictions that provide such care, including Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the State of California passed SB107 in 2022, protecting individuals seeking sanctuary from out-of-state prosecution and explicitly prohibiting law enforcement agencies from knowingly making or participating in the arrest or extradition of an individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state's law against receiving gender-affirming health care in California; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this resolution, "gender-affirming health care" and "gender-affirming mental health care" have the same meanings as provided in section 16010.2 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; and

WHEREAS, gender-affirming health care has been proven to be evidence-based, medically necessary, and lifesaving by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Academy of Pediatricians, the Endocrine Society, the American Psychiatric Association, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, amongst other institutions; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that gender transition, including access to gender-affirming health care, improves the overall wellbeing of transgender,

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gender queer, non-binary, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, and intersex people and access to gender-affirming health care for youth is associated with better mental health outcomes and lower risks of suicide; and

WHEREAS, at least 23 states have enacted laws restricting or banning gender-affirming health care for minors, and at least 7 states have enacted laws restricting or banning gender-affirming health care for adults; and

WHEREAS, over 94 percent of LGBTQ+ youth surveyed nation-wide by the Trevor Project in late 2021 said recent politics have negatively impacted their mental health, and 93 percent of transgender and nonbinary youth surveyed by the Trevor Project in 2022 said they have worried about transgender people being denied access to gender-affirming medical care due to state or local laws; and

WHEREAS, multiple health care institutions across the country have scaled back or have considered scaling back gender-affirming health care services in response to legal challenges, perception of legal risk, harassment, or threats of violence; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous institutions providing gender-affirming health care in Santa Cruz County, yet local advocates report a critical shortage of therapists who specialize in gender identity, especially ones who accept insurance, and a shortage of surgeons for gender-affirming surgeries; and

WHEREAS, healthcare professionals, as well as persons seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming health care in the County of Santa Cruz, should be protected from attempts to impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions based on the laws of other states when gender-affirming health care is lawful in the State of California and meets standards for good professional practice; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to exercise the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors to protect health care professionals and persons lawfully seeking, receiving, and assisting another individual in seeking or receiving gender-affirming health care in the County of Santa Cruz;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby reiterates its commitment to transgender, non-binary, gender queer, gender fluid, gender non-confirming, and intersex rights and equal protections for transgender, gender queer, non-binary, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, and intersex community members and declares itself a Sanctuary County and a place of safety for transgender, gender queer, non-binary, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, and intersex people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Santa Cruz recognizes the importance of gender-affirming health care as a matter of health, privacy, and equality and will ensure, to the greatest extent permitted by law, that those rights are upheld for all people living, working, or seeking services within the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no County resources, including but not limited to time spent by employees, officers, contractors, or subcontractors while on duty, or the use of County property, shall be utilized to persecute or detain, or to assist another jurisdiction wishing to persecute or detain persons for seeking or providing gender-affirming health care, including such activities as gender-affirming mental health care, gender-affirming hormone therapy, or gender-affirming surgery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no County resources shall be utilized for cooperating with or providing information to any individual or out-of-state agency regarding the provision of lawful gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care performed in the state of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this resolution prohibits the investigation or enforcement of any criminal activity, provided that no prescription or medical information relating to gender-affirming health care for any specific individual may be shared with an out-of-state agency or any other individual.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 4th day of June 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Koenig, Friend, Hernandez, McPherson and Cummings

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Justin Cummings

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Elizabeth Padilla 6/14/2024

Juliette Rezzato

Clerk of the Board

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2022

On the motion of: Supervisor Friend duly seconded by: Supervisor Coonerty the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ AS A CHAMPION OF REPRODICTIVE FREEDOM

The Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County hereby finds and declares the following:

WHEREAS, the ability of women to safely access and receive reproductive and other healthcare services is become increasingly threatened across the United States and we must act now to demonstrate our commitment as a county to protecting reproductive freedom and healthcare rights; and

WHEREAS, all people have a right to comprehensive, evidence-based information about the full range of reproductive health care options, and should have access to comprehensive reproductive health care throughout their lives, regardless of income, race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability, immigration status, geographic circumstance, gender identity, and insurance coverage status; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has worked to make reproductive freedom a right for all Californians, protecting a person's rights to reproductive health and bodily autonomy, their privacy regarding reproductive decisions, their access to safe and legal abortion, and fundamentally, the right to choose whether or not to terminate a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, abortion is health care and is a safe and common procedure, with one in four women obtaining an abortion by age 45; and

WHEREAS, safe and legal access to abortion care is fundamental to ensure that all women can achieve their full potential, to make informed decisions about their health; and

WHEREAS, access to reproductive care is central to an individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, and have the ability to choose when to have children or not have children; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has adopted a Strategic Plan with a primary goal of Health Equity that seeks to promote safe and healthy communities and three accompanying strategies that seek to reduce barriers to services, advance prevention and intervention services, and leverage community partnerships to improve social determinants of

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health all which contribute to promoting equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors recognizes that restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive healthcare disproportionately impact the reproductive freedom of populations that already face barriers to accessing care, including communities of color, people with low incomes, immigrants, and young people; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the County of Santa Cruz is to assure an adequate safety net, health equity, and quality of life for all County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, affirms its commitment to defend, support, and fight for reproductive freedom and urges our federal legislators to pass legislation codifying this protection, and welcomes all those seeking care to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 24th day of May 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: Friend, Coonerty, McPherson and Koenig

NOES: Supervisor Caput

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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