

[National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day - August 21, 2026]

Resolution recognizing August 21, 2026, as National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day to honor the lives impacted by the overdose crisis, support families and communities affected by substance use disorders, recognize frontline responders and service providers, and reaffirm the City's commitment to prevention, treatment, recovery, and public safety.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco mourns the lives lost to accidental drug overdoses and recognizes the immeasurable grief caused by the fentanyl epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, fentanyl has dramatically altered the landscape of the overdose crisis in San Francisco, replacing much of the illicit heroin supply and increasingly contaminating counterfeit pills and other illicit substances, often without the user's knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times more potent than heroin, and as little as two milligrams may cause a fatal overdose depending on the individual; and

WHEREAS, More than 70% of accidental overdose deaths in 2024 involved fentanyl according to the CDC, reflecting the extraordinary danger posed by the widespread presence of synthetic opioids in the illicit drug market; and

WHEREAS, By the end of 2025, more than 3,000 San Franciscans had lost their lives to fentanyl-related overdoses, representing the deadliest public health emergency since the AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Preliminary data from 2026 demonstrates that San Francisco's accidental overdoses continue to claim hundreds of lives; and

1 WHEREAS, Black San Franciscans continue to experience disproportionately high
2 overdose mortality rates, underscoring longstanding inequities in health outcomes, access to
3 care, housing stability, and behavioral health services; and

4 WHEREAS, The South of Market and Tenderloin neighborhoods continue to
5 experience the largest share of overdose deaths, placing an immense burden on residents,
6 families, businesses, first responders, healthcare professionals, outreach workers, and
7 community organizations serving these neighborhoods; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2025 The Board of Supervisors passed the Recovery First Ordinance
9 that established long-term remission of substance use disorders for individuals as the primary
10 goal of the City's substance use disorder policy; and

11 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the extraordinary dedication of
12 physicians, nurses, behavioral health clinicians, emergency medical personnel, firefighters,
13 police officers, peer counselors, outreach workers, recovery specialists, nonprofit
14 organizations, and countless community advocates who work tirelessly every day to promote
15 prevention, save lives, connect individuals to treatment, and support recovery; and

16 WHEREAS, Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day was established by a grassroots
17 coalition in 2022 to remember and honor the lives lost to overdoses and educate the public
18 about the ongoing nature of this crisis; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes August 21, 2026, as
20 Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day; and, be it

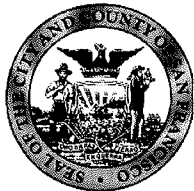
21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City honors the memory of every individual whose life
22 has been lost to overdose, stands with their families and loved ones, and acknowledges the
23 lasting impact these tragedies have had on our communities; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to
25 supporting prevention initiatives, expanding access to behavioral health and substance use

1 disorder treatment, strengthening recovery services, increasing public education regarding the
2 dangers of fentanyl, and ensuring that individuals seeking help can access lifesaving care;
3 and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the invaluable work
5 of healthcare providers, first responders, nonprofit organizations, peer support specialists,
6 recovery advocates, and community-based organizations whose tireless efforts continue to
7 save lives and provide hope to individuals struggling with substance use disorder; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recommits itself to
9 preventing overdose deaths, supporting recovery, promoting public safety, and working
10 toward a future in which no family must endure the loss of a loved one to the fentanyl
11 epidemic.



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July 28, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong
Excused: 1 - Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/28/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

08/07/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

08/07/2026

Date