TWENTY-FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO MAYORAL PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2020

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 8550 et seq., San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14) and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code empower the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to concurrence by the Board of Supervisors as provided in the Charter, in the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a Proclamation (the “Proclamation”) declaring a local emergency to exist in connection with the imminent spread within the City of a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation and in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist within the State due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Health Officer declared a local health emergency under Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of Supervisors concurred in that declaration on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, the City’s Health Officer issued a stay safe at home order, Health Officer Order No. C19-07 (the “Stay Safe At Home Order”), requiring most people to remain in their homes subject to certain exceptions including obtaining essential goods such as food and necessary supplies, and requiring the closure of non-essential businesses; the Health Officer has amended the Stay Safe At Home Order to modify the ongoing restrictions; and

WHEREAS, There have been 6,575 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the City and 59 COVID-19-related deaths in the City; there have been more than 490,000 confirmed cases in California and more than 9,000 COVID-19-related deaths in California; and

WHEREAS, In the Third Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation dated March 17, 2020, recognizing that many City employees affected by the Stay Safe At Home Order
cannot perform their duties remotely and must stay home and that it is in the public interest to support such employees with paid leave, the Mayor authorized a paid leave program through April 17, 2020, to mitigate financial impacts of the emergency on City employees; the Mayor extended the program through July 31, 2020 through further orders in the Seventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, and Twenty-First Supplements to the Emergency Proclamation. Due to the ongoing restrictions of the Stay Safe At Home Order, it is in the public interest to further extend this paid leave program; and

WHEREAS, In the Sixteenth Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation dated May 29, 2020, the Mayor issued an order placing restrictions on meetings of City policy bodies, including a requirement that all meetings be conducted by telephonic or electronic means. The Mayor modified that order in the Twentieth Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation, issued on June 19, 2020. Given the ongoing public health concern, closure of City buildings, and restrictions and recommendations in the Stay Safe At Home Order, it is necessary to continue these limitations on meetings of these bodies to protect the public health;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim that there continues to exist an emergency within the City and County threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County and its citizens;

In addition to the measures outlined in the Proclamation and in the Supplements to the Proclamation issued on various dates, it is further ordered that:

(1) The Human Resources Director is authorized, with the concurrence of the Controller, to extend the existing paid leave program for City employees, first authorized on March 17, 2020 in the Third Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation, through August 31, 2020, to mitigate the financial impacts of the emergency on these City employees. The Director of Transportation is authorized, with the concurrence of the Controller, to extend the existing paid leave program for service critical employees of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency first authorized on March 17, 2020 in the Third Supplement to the Emergency Proclamation, through August 31, 2020. As described in the Third, Seventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, and Twenty-First Supplements to the Emergency Proclamation, this paid leave program is for employees who are available to work, but not working, including working from home, due to the Stay Safe At Home Order.
(2) Public meetings of City commissions, boards, and advisory bodies other than the Board of Supervisors and its committees must comply with the following conditions for all public meetings:

   a. The meetings must occur by teleconference or other electronic means without providing a physical meeting place, and the commission, board, or advisory body must comply with all applicable laws governing public meetings during the emergency, including allowing public observation and participation;

   b. The commission, board, or advisory body must prioritize any urgent action items necessary for public health, safety, and essential government functions; and

   c. Before scheduling a meeting, a policy body that is not established in the Charter must confer with the department that provides administrative and clerical support to the body, to ensure that the meeting will not unreasonably require the time of staff who are otherwise deployed or participating in the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon request from the policy body chairperson, the Mayor may waive the requirement in subsection (a) and allow members of a policy body to convene at a physical location for the sole purpose of discussing and/or taking action on an item concerning a personnel matter. However, the policy body shall not provide a physical location for members of the public to attend and shall comply with all applicable requirements concerning public observation and participation. The policy body members and other participants shall follow all applicable health directives.

This Order shall remain in place during the local emergency, unless terminated earlier by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors, or unless the Governor rescinds his executive order authorizing public meetings to occur by electronic means without providing a physical meeting place under state law or such order expires.

DATED: July 31, 2020

Mayor of San Francisco