

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease that affects up to 13 million people in the United States. In fact, it is estimated that 2.4 million California residents have latent TB infection. A short course of antimicrobial therapy can be administered so that latent TB infection is cured and does not progress into active TB disease. The average cost for treatment of latent TB infection, nationally, is approximately \$500 compared to the average cost of \$17,000 to treat active TB disease.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommended in 2016 that TB testing of high-risk persons be included as a covered preventive service, and Los Angeles County has developed a medical provider toolkit, which helps providers identify those at risk for TB, how to test for TB infection, and information on how to cure latent TB infection with newer short course therapies.

The theme of World TB Day 2017 is “Unite to End TB.” World TB Day provides the opportunity for connecting affected persons, their communities, local organizations, health-care providers, and others, to collectively acknowledge the impact of this disease and collaborate to end TB.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Join the Coalition to End TB in Los Angeles County by proclaiming March 24, 2017 as “World Tuberculosis Day: Unite to End TB” throughout Los Angeles County;
2. Motivate all persons at risk to know their TB status and to seek treatment, if infected, from a medical provider to cure their TB infection.