

1 [Denouncing Indiana State Senate Bill 101 (Kruse, Schneider, and Steele) - Discrimination  
2 Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community]

3 **Resolution denouncing Indiana State Senate Bill 101, co-authored by Senators Kruse,**  
4 **Schneider, and Steele, a law that permits discrimination against the lesbian, gay,**  
5 **bisexual, and transgender community under the guise of religious freedom.**

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7 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2015, Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed Indiana State  
8 Senate Bill (SB) 101 into law, allowing individuals and businesses the right to refuse services  
9 to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals under the guise of religious  
10 freedom; and

11 WHEREAS, SB 101 actively abets discrimination by codifying the right to refuse  
12 service if an individual or business believes doing so would violate the practice and  
13 observance of his or her religion; and

14 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors respects the freedom of religion, but this  
15 freedom cannot be used as an excuse for individuals to discriminate against people based on  
16 sexual orientation or gender identity, as inferior or less deserving of services and  
17 accommodations than others; and

18 WHEREAS, SB 101 is dangerous because it allows individuals the unfettered ability to  
19 act upon personal animus against LGBT people, as long as they claim offense to their  
20 religious beliefs; and

21 WHEREAS, SB 101 singles out the LGBT community for negative treatment and  
22 removal of legal protections, a practice found unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court; and

23 WHEREAS, The signing of SB 101 into law sends a clear message that Indiana is an  
24 intolerant and unwelcoming place for LGBT persons; and

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1           WHEREAS, The State of Indiana does not have a state law specifically protecting the  
2 LGBT community from discrimination; and

3           WHEREAS, Civil rights leaders, elected officials, businesses, the tourism industry and  
4 individuals across the country are repudiating SB 101 as immoral, bad public policy, and  
5 economically detrimental; and

6           WHEREAS, Mayor Ed Lee has directed all City Departments under his authority to bar  
7 any publicly-funded City employee travel to the State of Indiana that is not essential to public  
8 health and safety; and

9           WHEREAS, Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff announced that his company is cancelling  
10 all required travel to Indiana by Salesforce employees to avoid facing potential discrimination  
11 while in state; and

12           WHEREAS, Angie’s List has put on hold an \$18,500,000 incentive package from  
13 Indianapolis’ City-County Council to add 1,000 jobs over five years, until it fully understands  
14 the implications of SB 101 on its employees; and

15           WHEREAS, NCAA President Mark Emmert released a statement expressing concern  
16 for how SB 101 could affect student-athletes and employees, and that the NCAA intends to  
17 examine the implications of this bill and how it might affect future events and their workforce;  
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19           WHEREAS, Apple CEO Tim Cook authored an op-ed in The Washington Post, stating  
20 that SB 101 would not only rationalize injustice, but also hurt job growth and the economic  
21 vitality of the State of Indiana; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns SB 101 as  
23 discriminatory toward the LGBT community; and, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on City Departments  
25 1) to the extent practicable, and in instances where there is no significant additional cost to

1 the City nor conflict with the law, to refrain from entering into any new or amended contracts to  
2 purchase goods or services from any company that is headquartered in Indiana, and 2) to  
3 review existing contracts for the purchase of goods and services with companies  
4 headquartered in Indiana and explore opportunities to discontinue those contracts consistent  
5 with the terms of those contracts and principles of fiscal responsibility; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages private San  
7 Francisco-based businesses to refrain from doing business with the State of Indiana or  
8 holding or participating in any conventions or conferences in Indiana, and also urges San  
9 Francisco private citizens to avoid engaging in tourism in the State of Indiana; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby  
11 directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to Indiana Governor Mike  
12 Pence.

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