

1 [Condemning Government Sanctioned Violence at Moscow’s first Gay Pride Celebration, and
2 Urging the Kremlin and Mayor Yuri Luzkhov to Foster a Culture of Tolerance Toward Russia’s
3 LGBT Community.]

4 **Resolution condemning the government sanctioned violence and chaos which took**
5 **place during Moscow’s first Gay Pride march, and urging the Kremlin and Moscow**
6 **Mayor Yuri Luzkhov to work toward fostering a culture of tolerance in relation to the**
7 **LGBT community in Russian society.**

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9 WHEREAS, It is the duty of all governments, democratically elected or otherwise, to
10 ensure that human and civil rights, such as the freedom of assembly and expression, of all
11 citizens are protected; and

12 WHEREAS, When a government employs discriminatory or homophobic rhetoric, it is
13 taken as implicit permission by hate groups to perpetrate violence; and

14 WHEREAS, This fact was evidenced by Moscow Mayor Luzkhov’s portrayal of
15 homosexuals as “sexual deviants”, and the Russian authorities’ refusal to intervene to stop
16 vicious attacks on peaceful gay pride celebrants by neo-fascist youth; and

17 WHEREAS, The Russian government’s contempt for the local and international LGBT
18 community, and the rule of law, was made clear when the Moscow police stood by as a gay
19 member of the German Parliament was assaulted along with less prominent members of the
20 Russian LGBT community; and

21 WHERAS, The Russian authorities chose to add insult to injury by arresting the LGBT
22 demonstrators for assembling unlawfully after permitting neo-fascist groups to beat and kick
23 them for an extended length of time; and

24 WHEREAS, The Kremlin would do well to remember that over 27 million Russians died
25 defending Eurasia against fascism, and it is a fallacy to imagine that an alliance, informal or

1 otherwise, between the Russian state and reconstituted fascist groups is a partnership
2 beneficial to the Russian people; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns the government sanctioned
4 violence and chaos which took place during Moscow's first Gay Pride march, and urges the
5 Kremlin and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzkhov to work toward fostering a culture of tolerance in
6 relation to the LGBT community in Russian society.

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