

1 [Honoring the American Psychiatric Association]

2 RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
3 ASSOCIATION FOR VOTING TO REJECT THERAPY AIMED AT CONVERTING
4 GAYS AND LESBIANS INTO HETEROSEXUALS

5 WHEREAS, Recently, the board of the American Psychiatric Association voted
6 unanimously to reject therapy aimed solely at turning gays and lesbians into
7 heterosexuals; and,

8 WHEREAS, The board of the American Psychiatric Association said this type of
9 damaging therapy can cause depression, anxiety, and self-destructive behavior; and,

10 WHEREAS, Last year, the American Psychological Association made a similar
11 decision condemning this therapy; and,

12 WHEREAS, This therapy, sometimes called "reparative therapy," is often used by
13 fundamentalist religious groups who attempt to persuade gays and lesbians to undergo
14 treatment to convert to heterosexuality; and,

15 WHEREAS, Gays and lesbians were urged to undergo conversion treatment in the
16 homophobic national advertising campaign that appeared in major newspapers a few
17 months ago; and,

18 WHEREAS, These ads were paid for by such groups as the Family Research
19 Council, Focus on the Family, and the Christian Coalition; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors the leadership
21 and commitment of the American Psychiatric Association for voting to reject therapy
22 aimed solely at converting gays and lesbians into heterosexuals; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco applauds the
24 condemnation of a thoroughly discredited practice that causes great harm to gays and
25 lesbians.



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Resolution recognizing the leadership of the American Psychiatric Association for voting to reject therapy aimed at converting gays and lesbians into heterosexuals.


December 21, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Yaki

Absent: 3 - Kaufman, Teng, Yee

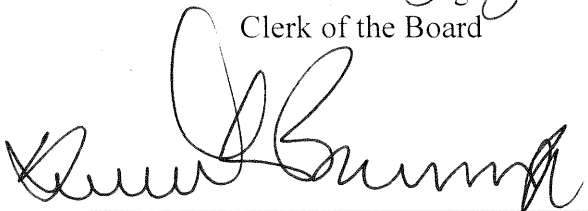
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 21, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.