

1 [Commending GLAAD]

2 COMMENDING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION (GLAAD)
3 FOR ITS DENUNCIATION OF THE FOX FILES TELEVISION SHOW SEGMENT ENTITLED
4 "GAY UNDERWORLD" AND CONDEMNING THE FOX NETWORK FOR AIRING THE ANTI-
5 GAY SHOW AND URGING THEM TO COMPLY WITH THE DEMANDS OF GLAAD.

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7 WHEREAS, The FOX Television Network airs a television show entitled "FOX Files";
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, On January 21, 1999, "FOX Files" aired a segment entitled "The Gay
10 Underworld"; and,

11 WHEREAS, "FOX Files" depicted the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (lgbt)
12 community as degenerates obsessed with anonymous sex, drugs, and violence; and,

13 WHEREAS, The allegedly gay and lesbian persons "FOX Files" depicted in brief cuts
14 of film were never identified by full name and did not self-identify as members of the lgbt
15 community; and,

16 WHEREAS, The "FOX Files" did not identify the date, time or location of the incidents
17 which were taped; and,

18 WHEREAS, The "FOX Files" resorted to unsubstantiated sensationalistic pseudo-news
19 which reinforces negative stereotypes of the lgbt community and ultimately promotes
20 mistreatment of individuals identified with the lgbt community; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) promotes
22 fair, accurate, and inclusive representation of all individuals and events in all media as a
23 means of combating homophobia and all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation;
24 and,

25 WHEREAS, GLAAD is the nation's lesbian and gay media advocacy organization; and,

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1 WHEREAS, GLAAD offered its expertise and assistance to the "FOX Files" as a
2 resource for information while the program was being developed; and,

3 WHEREAS, GLAAD's offer to provide assistance to the "FOX Files" was soundly
4 rejected; and,

5 WHEREAS, GLAAD believes the "FOX Files" program has never covered any aspect
6 of the lgbt community prior to this show; and,

7 WHEREAS, "FOX Files" attorney Diane Brady informed GLAAD's Entertainment Media
8 Director Scott Seomin that "FOX Files" considers the story "fair and accurate"; and,

9 WHEREAS, GLAAD has demanded that the "FOX Files" not air this segment at any
10 future time; that they make an on-air apology to their viewers; that they make a written
11 apology statement available; and that they agree to work with GLAAD on future stories of
12 interest to the lgbt community, particularly with respect to a story regarding lgbt youth; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is
14 supportive of the lgbt community and considers skewed, inflammatory, and stereotypical
15 depiction of the lgbt community as reprehensible; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 commends GLAAD for its denunciation of the "FOX Files" segment entitled "Gay Underworld";
18 and, be it


19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
20 Francisco condemns the FOX Television Network for its airing of the anti-gay show; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
22 Francisco urges FOX Television Network to comply with the demands of GLAAD.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 1, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

FEB 12 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution commending the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for its denunciation of the Fox Files television show segment entitled "Gay Underworld" and condemning the Fox Network for airing the anti-gay show and urging them to comply with the demands of GLAAD.

February 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng