

1 [Condemning Government Sanctioned Violence at the Russian LGBT community's May 27th
2 demonstration in Moscow, and Urging the Kremlin and Mayor Yuri Luzkhov to Foster a
3 Culture of Tolerance Toward Russia's LGBT Community.]

4 **Resolution condemning the government sanctioned violence at the Russian LGBT**
5 **community's May 27th demonstration in Moscow, and urging the Kremlin and Moscow**
6 **Mayor Yuri Luzkhov to work toward fostering a culture of tolerance toward the LGBT**
7 **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 in May, 2006, and their
17 involvement in the vicious beatings and arrests of peaceful demonstrators last week; and

18 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution last year nearly identical to
19 this, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 060813, which is hereby
20 declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Russian government's contempt for the local and international LGBT
22 community, and the rule of law, was made clear when the Moscow police stood by as a gay
23 member of the German Parliament was assaulted in 2006, and a member of the Italian
24 Parliament jailed on May 27 of this year, along with less prominent members of the Russian
25 LGBT community; and

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

4 WHEREAS, The Kremlin would do well to remember that over 27 million Russians died
5 defending Eurasia against fascism, and it is a fallacy to imagine that an alliance, informal or
6 otherwise, between the Russian state and reconstituted fascist groups is a partnership
7 beneficial to the Russian people; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns the government sanctioned
9 violence and chaos which took place during Moscow's first Gay Pride march in 2006, as well
10 as at the Russian LGBT community's May 27th demonstration in Moscow, and urges the
11 Kremlin and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzkhov to work toward fostering a culture of tolerance in
12 relation to the LGBT community in Russian society.

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