

1 [Recognizing the fortieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the fortieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the profound**
4 **influence they have had on the fight for equality for LGBT Americans.**

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6 WHEREAS, on June 27, 1969, Gay and Lesbian New Yorkers made a courageous
7 stand against oppressive police officers at the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village. Their
8 efforts to resist unjust humiliation led to a three-night protest that garnered national attention
9 and paved the way for the modern gay rights movement; and

10 WHEREAS, a crowd of two thousand gathered outside the Stonewall Bar on
11 Christopher Street in support of the protesters, resulting in the arrest of thirteen brave
12 individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, the resounding chants of “Gay Power” marked the beginning of a united
14 movement for justice and equality; and

15 WHEREAS, the publicity of the protest encouraged unprecedented activism amongst
16 Gay and Lesbian communities across the country; therefore, now be it,

17 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco recognizes June 2009 as
18 LGBT pride month and honors the anniversary of the actions of the individuals at the
19 Stonewall Inn, which were essential in spearheading the notable progress made over the past
20 forty years on LGBT issues.