

1 [Urging Immigration and Customs Enforcement to Grant Parole to Kelly Gonzalez Aguilar]

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3 **Resolution urging Immigration and Customs Enforcement to grant parole to Kelly**
4 **Gonzalez Aguilar, a transgender woman from Honduras currently detained in New**
5 **Mexico, and release her into the custody of her sponsors citing her status as an**
6 **asylum seeker.**

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8 WHEREAS, Kelly Gonzalez Aguilar is a transgender woman originally from Honduras
9 who fled her home country at the age of 12 due to physical and psychological abuse related to
10 her gender identity; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilar fled Honduras to Mexico where she became a victim of sexual
12 violence, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking leading her to flee again, finally escaping to the
13 U.S. at age 17; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilar is currently in detention at the Cibola County Correctional
15 Center in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, Detainees at the Cibola County Correctional Center have reported
17 rampant abuse; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilar has been held in immigration jails for more than two years,
19 including four consecutive months in solitary confinement due solely to her gender identity;
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21 WHEREAS, Solitary confinement has been found to take a heavy psychological and
22 physical toll on people, has been classified as torture, and the U.N. Special Rapporteur on
23 Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment has urged
24 countries to ban the practice; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilar’s request for parole was denied by Immigration and Customs
2 Enforcement, despite the fact that she has never been convicted of any charges and has
3 given no evidence of being a flight risk or a public safety risk; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilar is the longest-detained transgender asylum-seeker in the U.S.;
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6 WHEREAS, If Ms. Aguilar were deported, she would be sent to Honduras, which has a
7 record of violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and

8 WHEREAS, Oakland residents Lee Staub and Jessica Lehman have committed to
9 sponsoring Kelly, including housing and financially supporting her, and they have a large team
10 of people who are prepared to help Kelly access health care, immigration services, and
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, A national campaign to #FreeKelly has over 3,000 supporters; now
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges Corey Price
15 of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to immediately release Kelly Gonzalez Aguilar on
16 parole to her sponsors in the city of Oakland, California; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, no later than 30
18 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to Mr. Price.