[Honoring the National Center for Lesbian Rights]

HONORING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING WORK ON BEHALF OF LESBIAN RIGHTS AND FOR THEIR
CELEBRATION OF LESBIANS WHO HAVE PROVIDED LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE
TO OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Founded in 1977, the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), is the only national legal and advocacy organization dedicated primarily to achieving full civil rights for lesbians and their families, as well as gay men, bisexuals and transgendered individuals; and,

WHEREAS, Each year NCLR serves over 2000 people across the United States through its litigation efforts, policy advocacy, free legal resources and community education programs; and,

WHEREAS, NCLR's victories in courts around the country set important legal precedents that improve the lives of all lesbians in the United States and make NCLR the national leader on lesbian rights; and,

WHEREAS, On May 15, 1999, NCLR will be celebrating their annual "Liberty Weekend Celebration Dinner" honoring outstanding Bay Area lesbians; and,

WHEREAS, The 1999 honorees include Assemblywoman Carole Migden, Jewelle Gomez, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, and the six youth plaintiffs in Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District; and,

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Carole Migden, recipient of the Lesbian Leadership Award, has been a powerful and outspoken advocate on behalf of the lesbian, gay and women's communities throughout her political career and is commended for her years of outstanding work and passion; and,

WHEREAS, Jewell Gomez – poet, fiction writer, cultural critic, teacher, arts advocate and lesbian political activist – is recipient of the Community Commitment Award. A tireless organizer around issues affecting lesbians, feminists and women of color, she inspires lesbians with her powerful words and energy; and,

WHEREAS, In 1955, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, recipients of the Founders' Award, founded the first national lesbian organization. Partners for 46 years, they are beloved pioneers in the lesbian and women's liberation movements, pursuing their passion as political activists for the rights of older lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people; and,

WHEREAS, The six youth plaintiffs in Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, recipients of the Justice Award, are fighting for justice for all young people. They are applauded for their courage in stepping forward to sue their school district for failing to protect them from years of harassment, verbal abuse and physical violence at their high school because of their perceived sexual orientation. This precedent-setting case is the first student harassment case in the country to include young women plaintiffs perceived to be lesbian; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco honors NCLR for its years of outstanding work on behalf of lesbian rights; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors celebrates Assemblywoman Carole Migden, Jewelle Gomez, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, and the six youth plaintiffs in Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District for being the recipients of the 1999 NCLR Awards.



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## Resolution

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Resolution honoring the National Center for Lesbian Rights for their outstanding work on behalf of lesbian rights and for their celebration of lesbians who have provided leadership and guidance to our community.

May 10, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 10, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.