

1 **[Commending Neil G. Giuliano for his success as the President and voice of GLAAD]**

2
3 Resolution commending Neil G. Giuliano for his Dedication and Service as the President of
4 the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.
5

6
7 WHEREAS, Neil G. Giuliano has dedicated the past four years as President of the Gay
8 and lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), one of the largest national lesbian, gay,
9 bisexual and transgender organizations in the US; and,

10 WHEREAS, Neil Giuliano has worked tirelessly to promote the mission of GLAAD
11 ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of LGBT people and events in the media
12 as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and
13 sexual orientation; and,

14
15 WHEREAS, under Neil Giuliano’s leadership, GLAAD’s work has led to increased
16 visibility and a fundamental shift in the portrayal of LGBT characters in the media as well as
17 the inclusion of more positive LGBT characters on broadcast television than ever; and,

18 WHEREAS, in 2008, the 19th Annual GLAAD Media Awards were aired on a major
19 television network, providing more than 84 million Americans fair and inclusive images of the
20 LGBT community; and,

21
22 WHEREAS, Neil Giuliano has led GLAAD’s Media Programs Department to include
23 advocacy efforts in the world Sports, Young Adult and Religion, Faith and Value as well as
24 acquiring Queer Lounge to promote LGBT and LGBT-friendly media projects at independent
25 film festivals; and,

1 WHEREAS, with Neil Giuliano’s guidance, GLAAD has positively increased it’s budget
2 more than 50% to over \$10 million dollars to support more projects to advocate its message
3 of inclusion, and,

4 WHEREAS, while Neil Giuliano served as president, GLAAD won major victories in its
5 quest for equality in the coverage of LGBT-related issues in the news, including the
6 Associated Press’ stylistic adjustment in its journalistic reporting of GLBT stories as well as
7 GLAAD’s launching of the largest Public Service Announcement campaign in LGBT history;
8 now therefore, be it
9

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the service,
11 dedication and guidance of Neil G. Giuliano for the last four years as the president of the Gay
12 and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25