

[Establishment of the Rainbow Honor Walk.]

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**Resolution establishing the Rainbow Honor Walk on Castro Street between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street, on Market street between Castro Street and Octavia Street, on 19<sup>th</sup> Street between Diamond Street and Castro Street, on 18<sup>th</sup> Street between Collingwood Street and Hartford Street and initiating the process set forth in Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq. to provide for the creation of a program for and installation of commemorative plaques on the Rainbow Honor Walk.**

WHEREAS, The Castro is an iconic American neighborhood that is rich in history and culture; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to the civil rights and pride movements of the 1960s and 1970s, gay people were regularly blacklisted, arrested, and harassed by police, and the Castro neighborhood became one of the birthplaces of the continuing fight for equal rights; and,

WHEREAS, The nation's first openly gay person to be elected to office, Harvey Milk, was a representative of the Castro; and,

WHEREAS, The neighborhood was hard hit by the early years of the AIDS epidemic and local gay activists were instrumental in establishing standards for care and prevention through organizing and fundraising; and,

WHEREAS, The Castro neighborhood has been the birthplace and nurturing place for pride, political, and social change across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco celebrates the great contributions of LGBT women and men to the arts, entertainment, politics, sports, and science, and supports the installation of a Rainbow Honor Walk as a monument to their accomplishments and as inspiration to others; now, therefore, be it,

1 RESOLVED, That consistent with San Francisco Public Works Code Sections 789 et  
2 seq., the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Rainbow Honor Walk  
3 Castro Street between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street, on Market street between Castro Street  
4 and Octavia Street, on 19<sup>th</sup> Street between Diamond Street and Castro Street, on 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
5 between Collingwood Street and Hartford Street and initiates the process for the historical and  
6 cultural reasons set forth herein; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public  
8 Works to include the Rainbow Honor Walk on its official street map of the City and County of  
9 San Francisco; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares its intent to initiate the  
11 process in accordance with Public Works Code Sections 789 et seq., the Commemorative  
12 Street Plaque Ordinance, for installation of commemorative plaques on the Rainbow Honor  
13 Walk on said streets; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public  
15 Works to work with the District 8 Supervisor, local neighborhood organizations, and other  
16 interested organizations, to develop a plaque program for the Rainbow Honor Walk,  
17 expeditiously process such program once developed, and return to the Board for final action  
18 on the commemorative street plaques.