

1 [Recognizing International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia]

2 **Resolution recognizing International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia and**
3 **calling upon City officials to lower the American and United Nations Flags in United**
4 **Nations Plaza for a 24-hour period on May 17, 2012.**
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6 WHEREAS, International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO) is
7 celebrated each year on May 17th, marking the day that the World Health Organization
8 removed homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses in 1990; and
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10 WHEREAS, IDAHO is a rallying event taking place across the world that offers an
11 opportunity for people, regardless of their sexual orientation, to counter homophobia and
12 transphobia and demonstrate their solidarity with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
13 Transgender (LGBT) communities; and

14 WHEREAS, LGBT people across the world continue to face discrimination, violence,
15 and even death because of their sexual orientation; and

16 WHEREAS, Several nations have officially recognized IDAHO, including the
17 governments of Spain, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Costa Rica, the Netherlands,
18 France, Luxemburg, and Brazil as well as several local governments including the Province of
19 Quebec and the City of Buenos Aires; and

20 WHEREAS, a main objective of IDAHO is to provoke action across the world to fight
21 against homophobia and transphobia using local strategies that correspond to the given
22 cultural, political, and historical context of the place; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco has an international reputation as a beacon of hope, love,
24 and acceptance for LGBT people around the world; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco officially recognizes the
2 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on City Officials, including
4 the Director of the Department of Public Works, to lower both the American and UN Flags in
5 United Nations Plaza on May 17th for a 24-hour period.

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