

1 [Urging Support for Creation of a World-Class Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture in San
2 Francisco]

3 **Resolution calling on the City and County of San Francisco and its business leaders,**
4 **philanthropic organizations, and residents to support the GLBT Historical Society in its**
5 **efforts to create a world-class New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture in San**
6 **Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, The city of San Francisco is internationally recognized for its central role in
9 the creation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) history and culture;
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11 WHEREAS, Advancing understanding of this history and culture benefits both residents
12 and visitors by encouraging respect for diversity and by sustaining the self-respect of LGBTQ
13 people; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco welcomed a total of 24.6 million visitors in 2015, bringing
15 \$9.3 billion in spending to San Francisco, and hundreds of millions in tax revenue; and

16 WHEREAS, A recent San Francisco Travel survey of travelers nationally found that
17 "historic sites and attractions" ranked highest among 10 arts and cultural attributes considered
18 when selecting a destination; and

19 WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society, a nonprofit educational association based in
20 San Francisco, has documented, interpreted and disseminated this history and culture
21 through its archives, programs and exhibitions over more than three decades; and

22 WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society has supported numerous scholars, authors,
23 journalists, filmmakers, artists, students and other researchers who have used its archives in
24 the course of their work; and

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1 WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society has expanded its innovative efforts to bring
2 knowledge of LGBTQ history and culture directly to the public by successfully operating a
3 small museum in the Castro District since January 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The exhibitions at the museum are widely praised and well attended by
5 San Francisco residents and by visitors from throughout the Bay Area, across the United
6 States and around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, Public programs at the museum frequently attract full houses; and

8 WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society is responding to the growing demand for
9 services by launching an initiative to create a New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture
10 with greatly expanded space for exhibitions, programs and archival collections which will allow
11 for the critically important representation of the diverse populations that comprise the LGBTQ
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, The creation of the New Museum will provide the city of San Francisco
14 with a world-class institution that will attract residents and visitors and will create an
15 international model for centers for the documentation, research, display and interpretation of
16 LGBTQ history and culture; and

17 WHEREAS, The New Museum will promote the city's values of respect for
18 intersectional identities, for racial, ethnic and religious diversity, for diversity of gender and
19 sexual orientation, and for celebration of LGBTQ history and culture; and

20 WHEREAS, Elaboration of the New Museum will involve several years of planning,
21 resource development and fundraising drawing on support from a wide range of supporters;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 acknowledges the contributions of the GLBT Historical Society to the city's culture of diversity
25 and respect; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco welcomes the GLBT Historical Society’s initiative to develop a New Museum of
3 LGBTQ History and Culture; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco calls on the City and County of San Francisco and its business leaders,
6 philanthropic organizations, and residents to support the GLBT Historical Society in its efforts
7 to create a world-class New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture in San Francisco.

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