

1 [Supporting the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003]

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3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to adopt the Domestic Partner Rights and**  
4 **Responsibilities Act of 2003.**

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6 WHEREAS, Same-sex couples should be afforded the opportunity to marry under state  
7 and federal law, with all the attendant rights and obligations of marriage; and

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has adopted the Equal Benefits  
9 Ordinance, providing domestic partners of the employees of City contractors the right to the  
10 same level of benefits provided to spouses of employees where the City is acting as a  
11 marketplace participant; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1999, the State Legislature passed AB 26 (Migden), which established a  
13 domestic partner registry, granted hospital visitation rights to registered partners and provided  
14 health insurance coverage for domestic partners of state employees; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2001, the State Legislature passed AB 25 (Migden), which added a  
16 dozen more rights for domestic partners, including the right to sue for wrongful death, make  
17 medical decisions on behalf of an incapacitated partner and use stepparent adoption  
18 procedures to adopt a partner's child; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite these gains, numerous rights and responsibilities that protect  
20 married couples are still denied to same-sex couples in California; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2003, Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg will introduce the Domestic  
22 Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003 which will afford additional rights and  
23 responsibilities to same-sex couples, including mutual responsibility for debts, obligation for  
24 support after a divorce, custody provisions and child support obligations, community property  
25 ownership protections, the right not to testify against a partner, bereavement leave, decision-

1 making authority for disposition of remains and funeral arrangements, death benefits for  
2 surviving partners of firefighters and police officers and protection from threats and crimes  
3 against families of public officials; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
5 hereby endorses the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003 and urges  
6 members of the California Legislature to co-sponsor and pass the Act in the 2003 legislative  
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Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 21, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

JAN 31 2003

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.