

1 [Resolution condemning AsianWeek, February 23, 2007 Issue]

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3 **Resolution condemning AsianWeek and its columnist Kenneth Eng for the**
4 **inappropriate and damaging column explicitly encouraging racial discrimination in the**
5 **AsianWeek’s February 23, 2007 issue titled, “Why I Hate Blacks”.**
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7 WHEREAS, Ethical standards for journalists demand a code of behavior and practice
8 that minimizes harm to the community in which they practice; and
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10 WHEREAS, The First Amendment is the cornerstone of democracy and to maintain
11 and protect it requires constant vigilance; and

12 WHEREAS, Conscientious journalists from all media and specialties should strive to
13 serve the public with thoroughness and honesty; and

14 WHEREAS, AsianWeek has violated those standards of journalistic ethics by
15 repeatedly publishing a commentary employing using stereotypes by race, religion, and
16 ethnicity; and

17 WHEREAS, AsianWeek is one of the City’s designated outreach newspapers in which
18 the municipal government regularly publishes its official notices; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco strives to promote tolerance and respect among all its
20 residents, and it is the goal of this body to make this city a safe place to live for all kinds of
21 people; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco expects much more from publications that set the tone for
23 public dialogue in the City; and,

24 WHEREAS, We believe that community dialogue must be respectful for it to be
25 constructive; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns AsianWeek and its columnist Kenneth Eng for the inappropriate and damaging column in the AsianWeek’s February 23, 2007 issued titled “Why I Hate Blacks”; and, be it

FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors urges AsianWeek’s owners to examine their own cultural values and motives for lowering the level of public discourse on issues of race; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all City departments and other government entities to withdraw any money spent on advertising in AsianWeek.