

1 [Repeal of Marriage Discrimination Laws in California]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis and the California State Legislature to end**
4 **discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people by repealing**
5 **discriminatory marriage laws in California.**

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7 WHEREAS, California is home to hundreds of thousands of families headed by same-
8 sex couples, many with children; and

9 WHEREAS, These families deserve the same rights and legal protections as other
10 families under the law, including the protection of their children's economic interests by
11 insuring their access to the resources of both parents; and

12 WHEREAS, Marriage is a unique civil contract, separate and distinct from any religious,
13 ethnic, or other traditions; and

14 WHEREAS, Civil marriage bestows thousands of state and federal rights, protections,
15 and responsibilities that are otherwise unavailable to gay and lesbian families; and

16 WHEREAS, The inability to access these legal protections results in significant harms
17 to these families, including financial insecurity, lack of retirement, death benefits, and access
18 to family court for dissolutions, and

19 WHEREAS, Discriminatory marriage laws result in significant harms to lesbian, gay,
20 bisexual, and transgendered people by perpetuating homophobia, just as anti-miscegenation
21 laws barring people of different races from marrying, legal in the United States until 1967,
22 perpetuated racism and social ostracism; and

23 WHEREAS, Discriminatory marriage laws undermine the state of California's
24 commitment to equality, privacy, and justice for all of its citizens; and

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1 WHEREAS, Marriage is recognized as one of the fundamental elements of individual
2 liberty; and

3 WHEREAS, The opportunity to publicly and legally commit to share one's life with a
4 person of one's choice is for many people one of the most central aspects of human
5 experience, and denial of marriage to same-sex couples is a denial of fundamental civil rights;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gray Davis to end discrimination against
9 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people and their families by amending the California
10 Family Code to remove references to sex and gender as eligibility requirements for a civil
11 marriage license and by enacting a law providing for equal access to marriage and all of its
12 legal benefits and obligations by all persons, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual
13 orientation; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to forward this
15 resolution to Governor Davis, to State Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier and to
16 Assembly Members Mark Leno and Leland Yee.



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February 11, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 11, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.