

1 [Supporting the LGBT Marchers and Their Supporters in the October 10, 2010, Gay Pride  
2 Parade in Belgrade, Serbia]

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4 **Resolution supporting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) marchers**  
5 **and their supporters as they peacefully exercise their human right to be visible in the**  
6 **streets, free from violence and fear, during the Gay Pride Parade in Belgrade, Serbia on**  
7 **October 10, 2010.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Gay Pride Parade on October, 10, 2010, in Belgrade, Serbia will be  
10 the first gay rights march in Belgrade since 2001, when anti-gay extremists attacked the  
11 participants and forced the event's cancellation; and

12 WHEREAS, A parade was planned for 2009 but was called off hours before it began  
13 because bodily harm was threatened against the participants; and

14 WHEREAS, A survey by the Youth Initiatives for Human Rights indicated that  
15 Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgender persons experienced widespread discrimination,  
16 threats, hate speech, verbal assault, and physical violence in Serbia; and

17 WHEREAS, Serbia's Gay community has received violent threats when it announced  
18 plans for the October 10, 2010 parade; and

19 WHEREAS, Serbian Minister of Interior Ivica Dacic has made a public commitment to  
20 protect the safety of the marchers on October 10, 2010, and Serbian police have pledged to  
21 protect the Belgrade Gay Pride Parade; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the LGBT marchers and their  
23 supporters as they peacefully exercise their human right to be visible in the streets, free from  
24 violence and fear, during the Gay Pride Parade in Belgrade, Serbia, on October 10, 2010;  
25 and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit  
2 copies of this resolution to Serbian Minister of Interior Ivica Dacic, Serbian Ambassador to the  
3 United Nations Feodor Starcevic, Serbian Ambassador to the United States H. E. Vladimir  
4 Petrovic, Serbian Consul General in Chicago Desko Nikitovic, President Barack Obama,  
5 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, United States Ambassador to Serbia Mary Burce Warlick,  
6 and Belgrade Pride Organizers Lazar Pavlovic, Boban Stojanovic, and Adorjan Kurucz.

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