

1 [Commending California Democratic Party and LGBT Caucus]

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3 **Resolution commending the California Democratic Party for adopting a resolution in**  
4 **support of public policy that guarantees civil marriage equality for all people who**  
5 **choose to make a marriage commitment as a couple with full rights, responsibilities,**  
6 **privileges and protections that are conveyed by full legal marital status within the**  
7 **marriage license requirements of equal rights for all families and further commending**  
8 **the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Caucus of the California Democratic Party for**  
9 **their exemplary work.**

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10 WHEREAS, Civil marriage is a legal institution recognized by the state in order to  
11 promote stable relationships and to protect individuals who are in those relationships; to  
12 provide important protections for the families of those who are married; but the gender-  
13 specific definition of marriage that the Legislature previously adopted specifically discriminates  
14 in favor of different-sex couples and, consequently, discriminates against same-sex couples;  
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16 WHEREAS, The California Democratic Party supports equality under the law  
17 regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the partners; our Party must recognize that  
18 benefits that accrue to marriage accrue regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the  
19 partners; and our party must support efforts to end the pernicious practice of marriage  
20 discrimination in California while upholding guarantees of the First Amendment to the United  
21 States Constitution and of Section 4 of Article I of the California Constitution to free exercise  
22 of religion and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference; and

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1           WHEREAS. Throughout American history, California Democrats have been early at the  
2 lead against discrimination and for the protection of the rights and liberties of the American  
3 people, and our state democratic party most recently took a strong position against amending  
4 the Constitution of the United States to single out groups of Americans for Discrimination; and  
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6           WHEREAS, A resolution supporting civil marriage equality for all people was submitted  
7 by the LGBT Caucus, 13th Assembly District Committee, 14th Assembly District Committee,  
8 16th Assembly District Committee, Riverside County Central Committee, Desert Stonewall  
9 Democrats, San Diego Democratic Club, Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento;  
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11           WHEREAS, the Resolution was adopted by the California Democratic Party Resolution  
12 Committee and the full membership of the California Democratic Party followed suit by also  
13 adopting the resolution on April 17at its 2005 State Convention-Top Priority Los Angles  
14 Convention Center; now, therefore be it

15           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors commend the California Democratic Party  
16 for adopting a resolution in support of public policy that guarantees civil marriage equality for  
17 all people who choose to make a marriage commitment as a couple with full rights,  
18 responsibilities, privileges and protections that are conveyed by full legal marital status within  
19 the marriage license requirements of equal rights for all families; and be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors commend the efforts of the  
21 delegates of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus of the California Democratic  
22 Party for their exemplary work on the issue, namely Paul Hogan, Gloria Johnson, Debra  
23 Walker, Fred Bilodeau, Joan Roughgarde, and Doug Case.  
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