

1 [Commending Attorney General Lockyer]

2 COMMENDING ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL LOCKYER FOR CHANGING THE TITLE OF  
3 PROPOSITION 22 FROM "THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE" INITIATIVE TO "THE LIMIT  
4 ON MARRIAGE" INITIATIVE AND SUPPORTING SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JAMES  
5 FORD'S DECISION TO UPHOLD THIS TITLE CHANGE.

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7 WHEREAS, California voters will be deciding in March 2000 whether to approve  
8 Proposition 22, which would bar legal recognition of same sex marriages in California; and,

9 WHEREAS, The former title of the initiative, "The Definition of Marriage" Initiative, did  
10 not accurately characterize the intent and affect of the proposition, which if passed would  
11 create a new law stating that marriages valid and recognized in one state were not valid or  
12 recognized in California; and,

13 WHEREAS, Attorney General Bill Lockyer recognized this inaccurate wording and  
14 changed the title of Proposition 22 to "The Limit on Marriage" initiative; and,

15 WHEREAS, This name change will help voters recognize the true nature of the  
16 proposal and make a more informed, unbiased decision about its merits;

17 WHEREAS, Sacramento Superior Court Judge James Ford recently ruled in favor of  
18 Attorney General Lockyer's new title for the initiative in response to a legal challenge, arguing  
19 that the term "limit" is accurately descriptive of the measure's intent; therefore, be it,

20 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby  
21 commends Attorney General Bill Lockyer for changing the title of Proposition 22 from "The  
22 Definition of Marriage" Initiative to "The Limit on Marriage" Initiative and supports Superior  
23 Court Judge James Ford's decision to uphold this title change.

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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails

### Resolution

**File Number:** 992291

**Date Passed:**

Resolution commending Attorney General Bill Lockyer for changing the title of Proposition 22 from "The Definition of Marriage" Initiative to "The Limit on Marriage" Initiative and supporting Superior Court Judge James Ford's decision to uphold this title change.

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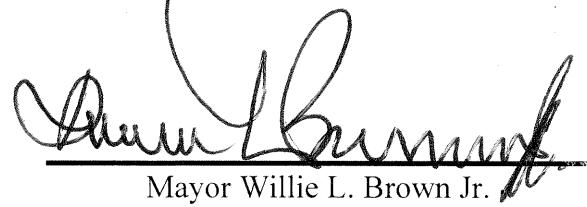
December 20, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on December 20, 1999 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved

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