

1 [Castro Sweep]

2 **COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CASTRO SWEEP AND**
3 **FURTHER EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT TRAGIC EVENTS SUCH AS THE CASTRO**
4 **SWEEP SHALL NEVER BE REPEATED AND FURTHER COMMENDING LOCAL QUEER**
5 **ACTIVISTS, COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE**
6 **DEPARTMENT FOR WORKING DILIGENTLY TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE RELATIONS**
7 **BETWEEN THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS AND THE SAN FRANCISCO GAY,**
8 **LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER QUEER COMMUNITIES.**

9 WHEREAS, On Friday, October 6, 1989, a small group of peaceful protesters staged a
10 march demonstrated against the federal neglect of people with HIV/AIDS; and

11 WHEREAS, At the culmination of the march, approximately 200 San Francisco Police
12 Officers, about half of the number of officers on duty that night, converged on the Castro and
13 proceeded to beat protesters and innocent bystanders; and

14 WHEREAS, The police crackdown of the protesters has come to be known as the
15 "Castro Sweep" and remains the single most massive official attack on gay, lesbian, bisexual
16 and transgender humans rights in the history of San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, Since that time, local activists have been working with the San Francisco
18 Police Department to mitigate violence between the police and the gay community and ways
19 to work together; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to the creation of a Hate Crimes Unit in the San Francisco
21 Police Department, there have been pro-active attempts to recruit gay, lesbian, bisexual and
22 transgender officers into the Police department as well staffing of gay districts with gay officers
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Supervisors Ammiano, Leno, Bierman, Katz

1 WHEREAS, Training on the diversity of the gay community and the special needs of the
2 various gay communities have been integrated into the curriculum of police officers and local
3 gay activists along training officers are working to update and expand existing curriculum; and

4 WHEREAS, The tenth anniversary of the Castro Sweep will marked with numerous
5 events including a photo, graphics and arts exhibition, book displays and an Internet project of
6 eyewitness accounts; and

7 WHEREAS, These community events are vital in order to commemorate the struggle
8 for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender human rights and to transmit the cultural and
9 historical legacy to future queer generations throughout the world ;; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Castro Sweep; and let it be

12 FURTHER RESOVED, That the Board of Supervisors expresses the hope that tragic
13 events such as the Castro Sweep shall never be repeated in San Francisco; and let it be

14 FURTHER RESOVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends local queer activists,
15 community based organizations and the San Francisco Police Department for working
16 diligently to improve and enhance relations between the San Francisco Police officers and the
17 San Francisco gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender queer communities.

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Resolution

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Resolution commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Castro Sweep and further expressing the hope that tragic events such as the Castro Sweep shall never be repeated and further commending local queer activists, community based organizations and the San Francisco Police Department for working diligently to improve and enhance relations between the San Francisco police officers and the San Francisco gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender queer communities.

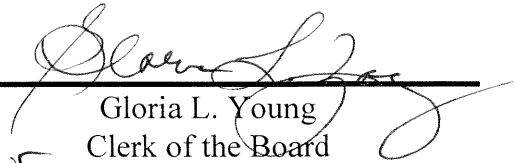
October 4, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 2 - Brown, Teng

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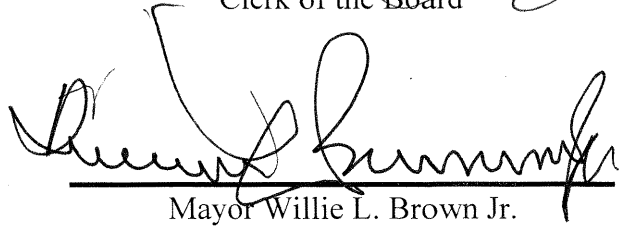
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 4, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.