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9 WHEREAS, On February 28th there will be a conference on suicide prevention, with a
10 scheduled talk titled “Suicide Prevention Among Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender
11 Individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, The risk of suicide among GLBT individuals is two to three times higher
13 than the average risk; and

14 WHEREAS, SAMHSA, an agency within the Department of Health and Human
15 Services that is funding the conference recently instructed the contractor running the program
16 to omit the words “gay,” “lesbian,” “bisexual” and transgender” from the title of the talk and to
17 use instead the term “sexual orientation”; and

18 WHEREAS, This action on the part of our federal government further marginalizes this
19 at-risk population, and dilutes the LGBT community’s efforts to prevent suicide; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly believes in the
22 need for culturally sensitive services, particularly for populations with acute need of suicide
23 prevention; and, be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors repudiates the
2 actions of the Department of Health and Human Services and requests that all future DHHS-
3 funded conferences recognize and respect the dignity of the LGBT community.
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