

1 [Acknowledging the California Supreme Courts ruling on Gay Adoptions]

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3 **Resolution congratulating and thanking the California Supreme Court for their sound**  
4 **public policy towards the needs of children by affirming second-parent adoptions.**

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6 WHEREAS, On Aug. 4, the California Supreme Court became the latest court to  
7 guarantee the rights of gay couples to adopt children; and,

8 WHEREAS, Nationwide, eight states and the District of Columbia have either passed  
9 laws or had appellate court rulings allowing a second gay parent to join with an adoptive  
10 parent; and,

11 WHEREAS, Without adoption, a child of one parent cannot claim financial support or  
12 inheritance rights from the second parent; is not entitled to Social Security, retirement or  
13 workers' compensation benefits from the second parent; and is ineligible for health insurance  
14 benefits from the second parent's employer; and, Therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco do  
16 hereby congratulate the California Supreme Court for their vision and thank the California  
17 Supreme Court for their sound public policy towards the needs of children.

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