

1 [Commending the Canadian Supreme Court]

2 COMMENDING THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA FOR RECOGNIZING THAT SAME  
3 SEX PARTNERS ARE WORTHY OF THE RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION AFFORDED  
4 TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS.

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6 WHEREAS, Committed loving relationships between consenting adults come in many  
7 forms; and,

8 WHEREAS, Laws which use the term spouse solely in reference to a person of the  
9 opposite sex as the other person in a committed relationship; and,

10 WHEREAS, Many northern European countries and governments officially recognize  
11 same-sex committed relationships and do not allow restrictive definitions of committed  
12 relationships to impede fair and just treatment of same sex couples; and,

13 WHEREAS, A same sex couple in Ontario, Canada was precluded from provisions of  
14 law governing spousal support by language which defined spouses as persons of the  
15 opposite sex, whether such persons were married or unmarried; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Canadian Supreme Court held the Ontario law as unconstitutional  
17 because the law erroneously implied same sex partners are less worthy of recognition and  
18 protection; and,

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco believes relationships consisting of  
20 same sex partners are worthy of recognition and protection; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
22 commends the Supreme Court of Canada for recognizing that same sex partners are worthy  
23 of the recognition and protection afforded to other individuals in committed relationships.

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## Resolution

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**File Number:** 991037

**Date Passed:**

Resolution commending the Supreme Court of Canada for recognizing that same sex partners are worthy of the recognition and protection afforded to other individuals in committed relationships.

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June 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,  
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Bierman

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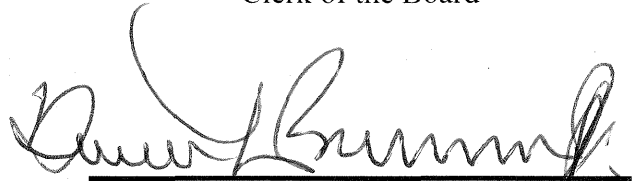
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 1, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.