

1 [Condemning Homophobic Violence]

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3 **Resolution strongly condemning hate-motivated violence directed against Lesbian,**
4 **Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and further urging all legal authorities to**
5 **guarantee that all such violations be punished without discrimination and further**
6 **urging the US government to give equal consideration to violations based on sexual**
7 **orientation and gender identity in reporting and formulating policies around the**
8 **promotion of global human rights.**

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10 WHEREAS, Women and men around the world are beaten, imprisoned, tortured or
11 killed on daily basis solely on the basis of real or perceived sexual orientation; and

12 WHEREAS, The human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)
13 people are firmly embedded into international human rights conventions; and

14 WHEREAS, State leaders are often responsible for fostering a climate of hostility in
15 which people suspected of being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender are routinely subjected
16 to harassment, discrimination and violence; and

17 WHEREAS, Many of those who speak up for LGBT rights—regardless of their sexual
18 orientation—become the targets and victims of threats and persecution; and

19 WHEREAS, In many instances, the police and other agents of the state are the
20 perpetrators of human rights abuses, such as extortion, entrapment and physical assaults;
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22 WHEREAS, Reprehensible acts of hate speech and hate crimes targeting the LGBT
23 community have historically, and continue to occur in and around the Bay Area; now,
24 therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 hereby strongly condemns hate-motivated violence directed against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
3 and Transgender individuals and further urging all legal authorities to guarantee that all such
4 violations be punished without discrimination; and, be it

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6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the US government to
7 give equal consideration to violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity in
8 reporting and formulating policies around the promotion of global human rights.