

1 [PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION WITH NON-MARRIED INDIVIDUALS]
2 COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR ITS EFFORTS TO
3 PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN BY CONSIDERING NON-MARRIED
4 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THOSE IN COMMITTED SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS, FOR
5 LONG-TERM ADOPTION PLACEMENT; AND COMMENDING ASSEMBLYPERSONS
6 CAROLE MIDGEN, SHEILA KUEHL, AND KEVIN SHELLEY FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO
7 SECURE STATEWIDE JOINT ADOPTION PROTECTIONS FOR NON-MARRIED
8 COUPLES, INCLUDING SAME-SEX COUPLES.

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services routinely considers single, non-
10 married individuals as well as individuals in same-sex relationships for possible long-term
11 adoption placement if the situation is determined to be in the best interests of the child based
12 on a review of the entire family situation and not solely a couple's marital status; and,

13 WHEREAS, under current state adoption regulations, heterosexual and homosexual
14 couples cannot be considered for joint adoption if they are not legally married; and,

15 WHEREAS, Assemblypersons Carole Midgen, Sheila Kuehl, and Kevin Shelley have
16 advocated for statewide adoption regulations which would permit joint adoptions by two
17 adults, including same-sex couples, who are not legally married if the situation is determined
18 to be in the best interests of the child; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the Department of Human
20 Services for its efforts to promote the best interests of children by considering non-married
21 individuals, including those in committed same-sex relationships, for long-term adoption
22 placement; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Assemblypersons
24 Carole Midgen, Sheila Kuehl, and Kevin Shelley for their efforts to secure statewide joint
25 adoption protections for non-married couples, including same-sex couples.



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Resolution

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Resolution commending the Department of Human Services for its efforts to promote the best interests of children by considering non-married individuals, including those in committed same-sex relationships, for long-term adoption placement; and commending Assemblypersons Carole Migden, Sheila Kuehl, and Kevin Shelley for their efforts to secure statewide joint adoption protections for non-married couples, including same-sex couples.

November 2, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Medina, Teng, Yee

Absent: 3 - Kaufman, Newsom, Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 2, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

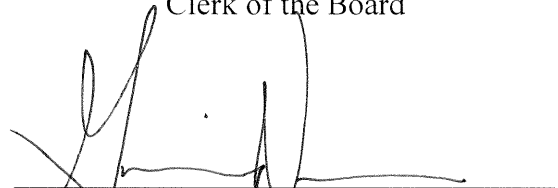
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Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.