

1 [Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to Preserving BIPOC and LGBTQ+ History]

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3 **Resolution affirming San Francisco's commitment to preserving Black, Indigenous,**
4 **and Black People of Color (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,**
5 **Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) history, and providing a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and**
6 **belonging environment for its workers, residents, and visitors.**
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8 WHEREAS, In January 2025, the President issued two Executive Orders focused on
9 diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) entitled "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI
10 Programs and Preferencing" and "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based
11 Opportunity" that attempt to terminate DEI mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and
12 activities in the federal government; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the issuance of these Executive Orders, the Department of Defense
14 has removed tens of thousands of website images and stories that have content highlighting
15 BIPOC and LGBTQ+ service members and history; and

16 WHEREAS, In order to determine what content to remove, federal officials used
17 artificial intelligence to search for dozens of key words, including "gay," "female," and "black"
18 which resulted in the deletion of pages covering topics such as the Enola Gay, which was the
19 plane that dropped the first atomic bomb; and

20 WHEREAS, Pages honoring the Tuskegee Airmen, Women's Airforce Service Pilots,
21 Navajo Code Talkers, Japanese American service members, and others were removed, with
22 some being restored after bipartisan public outrage; and

23 WHEREAS, Pages referencing Medgar Evers, a Black World War II veteran who was
24 the first field officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's
25 (NAACP) Mississippi chapter and mentor to former San Francisco Supervisor and President

1 of the NAACP's San Francisco Branch Reverend Amos Brown, were removed from Arlington
2 National Cemetery's website; and

3 WHEREAS, These historic resources serve as a record of the shared struggle of
4 countless service members who valiantly served our country despite facing systemic
5 oppression; and

6 WHEREAS, Historians and descendants of these service members have denounced
7 the removal of these stories; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco affirms its commitment to
9 providing a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and belonging environment for its workers, residents,
10 and visitors; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco condemns the
12 removal of online historic resources related to the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities from
13 federal websites and urges that these resources be restored; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
15 Board to transmit a copy of this resolution to U.S. Congressional representatives Senator
16 Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Speaker Emerita Pelosi.