

1 [Commending various faith organizations]
2 COMMENDING THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, THE INTERFAITH
3 ALLIANCE, THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERRELIGIOUS CONFERENCE,
4 METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, CONGREGATION EMANU-EL, BISHOP
5 REVEREND WILLIAM SWING, AND REVEREND CECIL WILLIAMS FOR THEIR
6 PROACTIVE EFFORTS TO UNITE THE COMMUNITIES OF FAITH IN SAN FRANCISCO
7 AND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA TO DEFEAT THE ANTI-GAY PROPOSITION 22, THE
8 KNIGHT INITIATIVE.

9
10 WHEREAS, The California Definition of Marriage Act, an initiative sponsored by State
11 Senator Pete Knight which has qualified for the March 2000 California Ballot, would prohibit
12 the State of California from honoring the marriages of same sex couples who married in other
13 states; and,

14 WHEREAS, The California Definition of Marriage Act would likely violate the full faith
15 and credit clause of the United States Constitution, would conflict with both state and federal
16 equal protection laws, and would infringe on the rights of Californians; and,

17 WHEREAS, In states where anti-marriage laws similar to the Knight Initiative have
18 passed, anti-gay forces are using those laws to attack equality in benefits and rights for
19 lesbians and gay men in contexts far beyond marriage; and,

20 WHEREAS, In states with anti-marriage laws similar to the Knight Initiative, efforts are
21 underway to invalidate domestic partnership ordinances, anti-discrimination laws,
22 cohabitation agreements, and adoptions by same sex couples; and,

23 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco respects and values its lesbian,
24 gay, bisexual, and transgender community and has demonstrated its respect for the loving
25 relationships of same sex couples by performing domestic partners ceremonies; and,

SUPERVISORS LENO, KATZ, AMMIANO, BIERMAN, NEWSOM, YEE, BECERRIL,
KAUFMAN, YAKI, BROWN, TENG
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has denounced the California
2 Definition of Marriage Act in Resolution No. 793-98 on file with the Clerk of the Board of
3 Supervisors in File No. 98-1568; and,

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has announced its opposition
5 to the Knight Initiative because of its potential negative impact on the business and economic
6 climate of San Francisco; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Northern California faith community, including the California Council
8 of Churches, The Interfaith Alliance, the Northern California Interreligious Conference,
9 Metropolitan Community Church, Congregation Emanu-El, Bishop Reverend William Swing of
10 Grace Cathedral, and Reverend Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church,
11 has come together to affirm its support of same-gender love and commitment; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends the California
14 Council of Churches, The Interfaith Alliance, the Northern California Interreligious Council,
15 Metropolitan Community Church, Congregation Emanu-El, Bishop Reverend William Swing,
16 and Reverend Cecil Williams for their proactive efforts to unite the communities of faith in San
17 Francisco and throughout California to defeat the anti-gay Proposition 22, the Knight
18 Initiative.

19
20
21
22
23
24
25

SUPERVISORS LENO, KATZ, AMMIANO, BIERMAN, NEWSOM, YEE, BECERRIL,
KAUFMAN, YAKI, BROWN, TENG
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



City and County of San Francisco

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Tails Resolution

File Number: 992055

Date Passed:

Resolution commending the California Council of Churches, the Interfaith Alliance, the Northern California Interreligious Conference, Metropolitan Community Church, Congregation Emanu-el, Bishop Reverend William Swing, and Reverend Cecil Williams for their proactive efforts to unite the communities of faith in San Francisco and throughout California to defeat the anti-gay Proposition 22, the Knight Initiative.

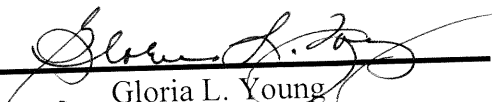
November 8, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Yee

Absent: 2 - Teng, Yaki

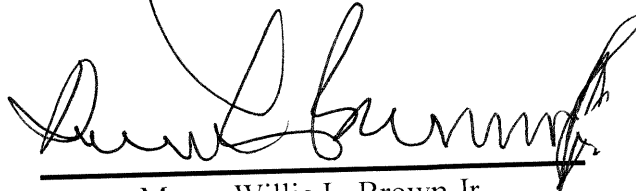
File No. 992055

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 8, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

NOV 19 1999

Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.