

1 [Commending the *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*]

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3 **Resolution commending the *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California* for printing gay and**
4 **lesbian union announcements since 1997 and for recently deciding to include them**
5 **under the same heading of “Weddings” with heterosexual marriage announcements.**
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7 WHEREAS, The *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California* is published by San Francisco
8 Jewish Community Publications, Inc. and is a weekly newspapers covering local, national,
9 and international events with a circulation of over 26,000; and,

10 WHEREAS, In January 1997, the *Jewish Bulletin* printed its first announcement of a
11 union between two women and, in doing so, became the first Jewish publication in the nation
12 to recognize lesbian and gay commitment ceremonies; and,

13 WHEREAS, Earlier this year the *New York Times* decided to include gay and lesbian
14 couples in its Sunday “Styles” section with heterosexual wedding announcements; and,

15 WHEREAS, Following the *New York Times*’ decision, the board of directors of the
16 Jewish Bulletin meeting in September voted unanimously to print homosexual unions along
17 side heterosexual marriages under the single heading of “Weddings”; and,

18 WHEREAS, Lesbian and gay peoples, like their heterosexual counterparts, live in
19 committed relationships, form families, and share their lives, extended families, and property
20 despite the lack of equal treatment under the laws of the State of California and the United
21 States; and,

22 WHEREAS, This simple listing of gay and lesbian unions under the heading
23 “Weddings” ends just one of the hundreds subtle and not so subtle acts of discrimination
24 endured by gay and lesbian couples; now, therefore be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 hereby commends the *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California* for their support of equal
3 treatment by publishing gay and lesbian unions along side heterosexual marriage
4 announcements under the single heading of "Weddings."

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October 15, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin, Yee
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 15, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved