

1 [Gay Men's Chorus]

2 COMMENDING THE SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS AS IT CELEBRATES ITS
3 TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD
4 OF CHORAL MUSIC.

5 WHEREAS, In 1978 the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus was founded by a group of
6 men who sang together informally for the love of music; and,

7 WHEREAS, On the evening of the memorial for Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor
8 Harvey Milk, the Chorus was officially recognized as they sang on the steps of City Hall in
9 honor of the two slain city officials; and,

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus was the first openly gay chorus in
11 the world and since that time, the chorus has grown to over 246 volunteer singers and is seen by
12 audiences that total over 400,000 annually; and,

13 WHEREAS, There are now 167 gay choruses worldwide and a Gay and Lesbian Chorus
14 Association (GALA), that hosts leadership forums and chorus festivals to support the exploding
15 growth of the gay choral movement; and,

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has made outstanding musical and
17 cultural contributions to the City of San Francisco through its ability to sing as one instrument
18 with tremendous clarity and diction; now, therefore be it
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20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby extends its highest
21 commendation to the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus as it celebrates its twentieth year of
22 outstanding contributions to the world of choral music.
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24 Supervisor, Amos Brown, Kaufman, Bierman, Ammiano, Katz, Newsom, Teng, Leno
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Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Katz Kaufman Leno Medina
Newsom Teng Yaki Yee

Absent: Supervisor Bierman

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors
of the City and County of San Francisco

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Date Approved


Clerk


Mayor