

1 [Honoring Supervisor Harvey Milk with Artwork in City Hall.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Arts Commission to solicit and the City Hall building manager to**  
4 **determine an appropriate location for the installation of a permanent piece of artwork**  
5 **honoring Supervisor Harvey Milk in San Francisco City Hall.**

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7 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was born May 22, 1930 in Woodmere, Long Island, New York.  
8 He became a successful Wall Street investment analyst; and

9 WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was elected in 1977 as Supervisor for District 5, which at the  
10 time included The Castro, Duboce Triangle and Haight/Ashbury districts of San Francisco and  
11 was the first elected openly gay man in the United States; and,

12 WHEREAS, Supervisor Milk played an essential role in the story of the emergence of  
13 the gay community in the Castro District of the 1970s and envisioned a path to human rights  
14 for gay people everywhere and dedicated himself to lead the lesbian and gay communities in  
15 the struggle to attain that goal; and,

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Milk fought not for the universal acceptance of homosexuality  
17 as "an alternate life-style", but for a universal acceptance of homosexuals as human beings,  
18 endowed by their creator with the same unalienable rights as their heterosexual counterparts;  
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, Supervisor Milk's entire political career was dedicated to shattering the  
21 silence of homosexual America and exposing the homophobic myths of heterosexual America  
22 and Supervisor Milk's assassination on November 27, 1979, was a homophobic attack not  
23 only on gay men, lesbians and sexual minorities, but also an attack on all people everywhere;  
24 and,

1           WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was one of the most charismatic and pragmatic populists of  
2 the past half-century, a man of remarkable organizational talent who never compromised his  
3 vision of "a city of neighborhoods," a city rich in the diversity of cultures; and,

4           WHEREAS, By concentrating on implementing an aggressively populist agenda which  
5 encompassed the needs of all of San Francisco's minorities, Milk quickly dispelled the false  
6 issue of his sexual orientation, and his passionate attention to detail and his dedication to  
7 improving the quality of life of all San Franciscans greatly widened his base of support; and,

8           WHEREAS, There is no memorial in City Hall, San Francisco, that would preserve the  
9 legacy of Supervisor Milk for posterity;

10           RESOLVED, That The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes as policy of the City  
11 and County of San Francisco that artwork honoring Harvey Milk and his unique contributions  
12 to San Francisco history and to that of the world be commissioned and installed in City Hall;  
13 and be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Supervisors urges the Arts Commission to  
15 solicit and the City Hall Building Manager to determine an appropriate location for the  
16 installation of a permanent piece of artwork honoring the life and times of Supervisor Harvey  
17 Milk in San Francisco City Hall.



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Resolution

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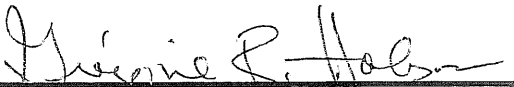
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October 15, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

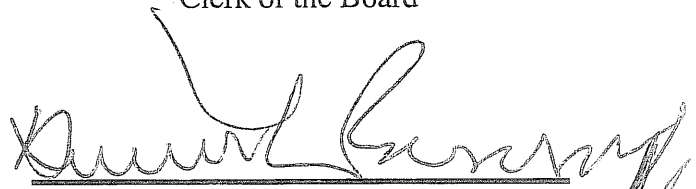
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 15, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.