

1 [Resolution urging Congress to pass the Uniting American Families Act.]

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Resolution urging Congress to pass the Uniting American Families Act and supporting the removal of legal barriers to immigration by permanent same-sex partners.

WHEREAS, Every American is entitled to equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. immigration system is largely based upon the principle of family unification; and

WHEREAS, Federal law does not currently recognize permanent same-sex partners for immigration purposes; and

WHEREAS, This results in thousands of US citizens being forced into exile to be with foreign-born partners, causing unnecessary hardship, separation from family members and careers, and loss of valuable skills and resources for our country; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated some 36,000 gay and lesbian American citizens are in same-sex binational relationships and are affected by lack of rights and protections of their relationships at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, The Uniting American Families Act (UAFAs) was introduced in Congress on February 12, 2009 by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and allow U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents to sponsor same-sex partners for immigration; and

WHEREAS, The bills call for simply amending existing US immigration law by adding three words – “or permanent partner” – wherever the word spouse appears; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass the
2 Uniting American Families Act and supports the removal of legal barriers to immigration by
3 permanent same-sex partners, and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
5 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the San Francisco Congressional
6 delegation, and to bill sponsors Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and Senator Patrick
7 Leahy (D-VT).



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March 3, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 3, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/11/09

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom