[Supporting Creation of Transgender Resource Center]

Resolution supporting the creation of a transgender resource center by local non-profits who serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is a destination point for transgender individuals from around the United States who wish to live and work in a city that is known for its appreciation of diverse cultures, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities in particular; and,

WHEREAS, While many LGBT service organizations support provide services that meet general needs of all the LGBT communities, there are a limited number of transgender organizations that provide services that are specific to the needs of the transgender community; and,

WHEREAS, Some of these specific needs include peer to peer support, medical information regarding transitioning, psychiatric review information for transitioning, information about HIV medications taken with hormone medications, legal information, and many other concerns; and,

WHEREAS, Most of San Francisco’s transgender support organizations are focused primarily on HIV care, homelessness, or provide a social or political function, and there is no center for the distribution of vital information that pertains to transgender community needs; and,

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WHEREAS, San Francisco’s transgender community faces some of the most extreme cases of discrimination and violence according to the City’s Human Rights Commission, and the community has a great need for informational support regarding the programs and services that are available to the community; and,

WHEREAS, The idea of a San Francisco Transgender Resource Center was brought up in a recent work group meeting of the Transgender Civil Rights Implementation Task Force and has the strong support of task force members; and,

WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might be a drop in center where community members could drop in to find other transgender people when they are looking for support; and, 

WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might also provide a space for regular peer support meetings that address community issues such as managing individual transition, strengthening relationships with family, surviving school and work during transition, how to change legal documentation after transition, marriage and relationship matters and many other topics; and, 

WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might have a staff person who could provide referral information to individuals who seek professionals that specialize in transgender medical care, psychiatric care and transition review, legal referrals, job training referrals, and other professional referrals; and, 

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WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might also have immediately visible hand-out information that community members can pick up regarding medical, housing, employment, discrimination, and other important issues that relate to being transgender; and,

WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might also have a library area where books, videos and other informational resources could provide extensive information about transgender concerns and be made easily accessible to members of the community; and,

WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might have a dedicated phone number where recorded information could notify members of the community of information that is available to them at the center; and,

WHEREAS, Many community organizations that are dedicated to serving the LGBT community should participate in making a Transgender Resource Center a reality, as they are dedicated to serving the transgender community and could be instrumental in the creation of a resource center; and,

WHEREAS, The Community Center, Lambda Legal Defense, the Ark of Refuge, Female To Male International, Transgender San Francisco, the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center, Tom Waddel Clinic, and the Asian Pacific Island Wellness Center in particular could play an important role in facilitating the
development of the Transgender Resource Center; now, therefore
be it,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco hereby supports the creation of a
transgender resource center by local non-profits who serve the
lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

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Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Hall, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 3 - Gonzalez, Leno, McGoldrick

File No. 011854

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 22, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.