

1 [Urging the establishment of civil unions in California]

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3 Resolution urging the California State Assembly to enact
4 legislation establishing civil unions.

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6 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, which has a
7 diverse population of ethnic and cultural groups including same-
8 sex domestic partners, has a particular stake in the protection
9 and expansion of civil rights for all people; and,

10 WHEREAS, According to U.S. Census data, approximately
11 400,000 same-gender couples reside in California and many of
12 them are registered domestic partners raising children together;
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, Same-gender domestic partners, in a free and non-
15 discriminatory society, deserve all the rights and privileges of
16 married couples; and,

17 WHEREAS, Without the same legal rights, protections,
18 benefits, and responsibilities, gay and lesbian families suffer
19 numerous obstacles and hardships which directly harms them, and
20 leads to numerous costs to third parties and the State; and,

21 WHEREAS, The concept of civil unions, established in the
22 state of Vermont in 2000, provides a remedy to the inequalities
23 faced by gay and lesbian domestic partners without violating
24 section 308.5 of the California Family Code commonly known as
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1 the Knight Initiative or Proposition 22 which was passed on
2 March 7, 2000; and,

3 WHEREAS, The California Family Protection Act sponsored by
4 Assemblyman Paul Koretz will establish civil unions and will
5 extend the protections of California family law to same-sex
6 domestic partners including: the rights and obligations of
7 support and community property; child custody, visitation, and
8 stepparent adoption; title, probate, and other issues involving
9 the ownership and transfer of real or personal property;
10 government benefits and tax responsibilities; legal claims such
11 as wrongful death and infliction of emotional distress; health
12 insurance and family leave benefits; and medical consent,
13 guardianship, and disposition of remains; and,

14 WHEREAS, A majority of Californians support giving
15 same-gender couples the full legal rights and benefits of
16 married couples when a concept other than marriage is applied;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
19 County of San Francisco hereby urges the California State
20 Assembly and the Governor to enact the California Family
21 Protection Act establishing civil unions for same-gender couples
22 in California; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send
24 copies of this resolution to Governor Gray Davis, Speaker of the
25 Assembly Robert Hertzberg, Speaker pro Tempore Fred Keeley,

Mark Leno

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Assemblyman Paul Koretz, State Senators John Burton and Jackie Speier, and State Assembly Representatives Carole Migden and Kevin Shelley.



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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 January 22, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.