

1 [Urging Governor Davis to sign AB 2651]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to sign AB 2651 (Chu) which would prohibit**
4 **discrimination and harassment against foster youth and foster parents based on**
5 **sexual orientation, gender identity and HIV/AIDS status.**

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7 WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth statistically face higher
8 risks of homelessness, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, substance abuse, and HIV and
9 sexually transmitted disease infection than other youth; and,

10 WHEREAS, An estimated 20-40% of homeless youth are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
11 transgender and account for approximately 30% of adolescent suicides; and,

12 WHEREAS, Within the state's foster care system many LGBT foster youth face
13 harassment and sexual and physical abuse; and,

14 WHEREAS, The State of California's foster care system must protect the right of foster
15 youth to be treated with dignity, respect, and support; and,

16 WHEREAS, AB 2651 requires the California Department of Social Services and
17 Department of Child Welfare Services (DSS-CWS) to adopt clear anti-discrimination policies
18 against LGBT foster youth and parents; and,

19 WHEREAS, In addition to providing foster youth with the Foster Care Ombudsman
20 hotline number to report harassment and discrimination, provisions of AB 2651 provide for
21 educational trainings to foster parents on sexual and physical abuse, teenage sexual health,
22 STD prevention, and LGBT issues; and,

23 WHEREAS, This bill encourages the Department of Social Services to specifically seek
24 out LGBT parents for placement of LGBT foster children ; and,

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1 WHEREAS, This legislation would also require DSS-CWS to enforce new regulations
2 that provide foster youth access to resources so that they may freely practice their religious
3 beliefs; and,

4 WHEREAS, AB 2651 provides protections and resources so that all foster youth can
5 effectively develop into independent adults; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Governor Gray Davis to
7 sign AB 2651 which would provide crucial protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
8 transgender youth in the California foster care system; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of the Supervisors shall transmit
10 copies of this resolution to Assemblymember Judy Chu and Governor Gray Davis.

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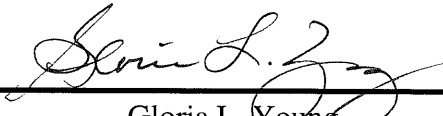
September 23, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Newsom

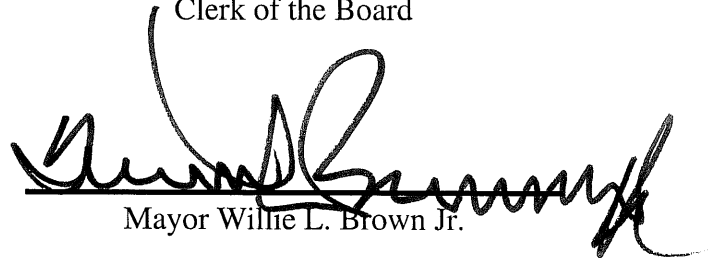
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 23, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.