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WHEREAS, On February 28th there will be a conference on suicide prevention, with a scheduled talk titled "Suicide Prevention Among Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Individuals; and

WHEREAS, The risk of suicide among GLBT individuals is two to three times higher than the average risk; and

WHEREAS, SAMHSA, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services that is funding the conference recently instructed the contractor running the program to omit the words "gay," "lesbian," "bisexual" and transgender" from the title of the talk and to use instead the term "sexual orientation"; and

WHEREAS, This action on the part of our federal government further marginalizes this at-risk population, and dilutes the LGBT community's efforts to prevent suicide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly believes in the need for culturally sensitive services, particularly for populations with acute need of suicide prevention; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors repudiates the
2 actions of the Department of Health and Human Services and requests that all future DHHS-
3 funded conferences recognize and respect the dignity of the LGBT community.
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March 1, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 1, 2005 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 Gavin Newsom

Date: March 12, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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