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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus was founded in October 1978  
7 coming into existence during the Gay Rights Movement of the late 1970s as the first openly  
8 gay identified choral organization, and continues to thrive today as one of the largest LGBT  
9 chorus in the world with 230 members; and

10 WHEREAS, on November 27, 1978 the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus had its first  
11 public performance at San Francisco City Hall in memory of San Francisco Mayor George  
12 Moscone and San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk; and

13 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has been an international leader in  
14 the movement for LGBT choirs, and has inspired the creation of other LGBT choirs such as  
15 the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, the Vancouver Men's Chorus, and the Melbourne Gay and  
16 Lesbian Chorus in Australia; and

17 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus is internationally recognized for its  
18 musical accomplishments and talent, and has received such awards as the Out Music Award  
19 for Outstanding New Recording in 2005 and 2006, Circles of Hope award from the  
20 Metropolitan Community Foundation in 2003, and several Absolutely Fabulous awards in the  
21 San Francisco Gay Pride Float Parade; and

22 WHEREAS, the musical accomplishments and talent of the San Francisco Gay Men's  
23 Chorus has been featured in several award-winning documentaries such as *Singing Positive*  
24 in 1995 and *Why We Sing* in 2006; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the musical achievements of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus  
2 includes the completion of nineteen music albums featuring award-winning performances,  
3 and new musical contributions to the genre of LGBT choir music compositions; and

4           WHEREAS, the music and performances of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has  
5 become a holiday tradition within the City of San Francisco, and is recognized as an  
6 important asset throughout the San Francisco community in promoting a more inclusive  
7 society that cherishes cultural expression and celebrates difference; and

8           WHEREAS, since the late 1980s the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has lost 250  
9 members to HIV and has made AIDS awareness a primary focus in their efforts through  
10 community and national performances, and continues to perform to raise funds for AIDS  
11 awareness and support; and

12           WHEREAS, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus is a non-profit community arts  
13 organization that gives back to the San Francisco community by participating in over fifty  
14 performances annually that raise funds for San Francisco youth organizations, women's  
15 organizations, and breast cancer research; and

16           WHEREAS, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has raised over two hundred and  
17 fifty thousand dollars in funding for such organizations as the AIDS Foundation, AIDS  
18 Emergency Fund, American Cancer Society, Lyon Martin Women's Health Services  
19 Organization, Special Olympics, Larkin Street Youth Services, and Lavender Youth and  
20 Recreation Center; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors the musical  
22 accomplishments, community involvement, and the 30th Anniversary of the San Francisco  
23 Gay Men's Chorus.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus to the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco.

November 25, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin

Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 25, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

12/5/08

Date Approved

Angel Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom