Resolution calling on the City and County of San Francisco and its business leaders, philanthropic organizations, and residents to support the GLBT Historical Society in its efforts to create a world-class New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The city of San Francisco is internationally recognized for its central role in the creation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Advancing understanding of this history and culture benefits both residents and visitors by encouraging respect for diversity and by sustaining the self-respect of LGBTQ people; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco welcomed a total of 24.6 million visitors in 2015, bringing $9.3 billion in spending to San Francisco, and hundreds of millions in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, A recent San Francisco Travel survey of travelers nationally found that "historic sites and attractions" ranked highest among 10 arts and cultural attributes considered when selecting a destination; and

WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society, a nonprofit educational association based in San Francisco, has documented, interpreted and disseminated this history and culture through its archives, programs and exhibitions over more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society has supported numerous scholars, authors, journalists, filmmakers, artists, students and other researchers who have used its archives in the course of their work; and

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WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society has expanded its innovative efforts to bring knowledge of LGBTQ history and culture directly to the public by successfully operating a small museum in the Castro District since January 2011; and

WHEREAS, The exhibitions at the museum are widely praised and well attended by San Francisco residents and by visitors from throughout the Bay Area, across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Public programs at the museum frequently attract full houses; and

WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society is responding to the growing demand for services by launching an initiative to create a New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture with greatly expanded space for exhibitions, programs and archival collections which will allow for the critically important representation of the diverse populations that comprise the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, The creation of the New Museum will provide the city of San Francisco with a world-class institution that will attract residents and visitors and will create an international model for centers for the documentation, research, display and interpretation of LGBTQ history and culture; and

WHEREAS, The New Museum will promote the city’s values of respect for intersectional identities, for racial, ethnic and religious diversity, for diversity of gender and sexual orientation, and for celebration of LGBTQ history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Elaboration of the New Museum will involve several years of planning, resource development and fundraising drawing on support from a wide range of supporters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco acknowledges the contributions of the GLBT Historical Society to the city’s culture of diversity and respect; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco welcomes the GLBT Historical Society's initiative to develop a New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco calls on the City and County of San Francisco and its business leaders, philanthropic organizations, and residents to support the GLBT Historical Society in its efforts to create a world-class New Museum of LGBTQ History and Culture in San Francisco.
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January 31, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/31/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 2/10/2017
Mayor Date Approved

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board