

1 [World Pride Celebrations in Rome]

2 **URGING INTERIOR MINISTER ENZO BIANCO OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY TO**
3 **PERMIT THE WORLD PRIDE CELEBRATION TO COMMENCE AS ORIGINALLY**
4 **PLANNED IN THE GREAT CITY OF ROME AND TO UPHOLD THE FREEDOM TO**
5 **PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND FREEDOM OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION AS WELL AS**
6 **AFFIRMING THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND**
7 **TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS AS MEMBERS AND CITIZENS OF A FREE AND**
8 **DEMOCRATIC NATION AND FURTHER URGING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE GREAT**
9 **CITY OF ROME TO BOTH PERMIT AND REAPPROPRIATE FUNDING OF THE WORLD**
10 **PRIDE CELEBRATION IN ROME.**

11 WHEREAS, World Pride is a festival and celebration of gay pride held annually in
12 Rome from July 1st through July 9th; and

13 WHEREAS, The City of Rome originally authorized permits for the week long World
14 Pride event as well as appropriating funding for the celebrations; and

15 WHEREAS, The World Pride celebrations will coincide with the Jubilee celebrations
16 which is a Catholic religious celebration of which is held every 25 years by the Vatican; and

17 WHEREAS, Vatican authorities successfully pressured the City of Rome to rescind
18 funding for the World Pride celebrations; and

19 WHEREAS, Vatican authorities are also pressuring the City government of Rome to
20 also revoke the permit for the World Pride Celebrations ; and

21 WHEREAS, Neo-facist parties such as the National Alliance Party and the Forza Nuova
22 have also pressured the City of Rome to deny lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender
23 communities in Italy the right to peaceably assemble and free speech; and

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Supervisors Ammiano, Leno, Yaki, Katz, Bierman

1 WHEREAS, Political pressure from both Italy's extreme right wing and from the Vatican
2 to force the City government of Rome to rescind both the funding and permits for the World
3 Pride celebrations is not only attack against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
4 communities all across the world, but is an attack against the freedom to peaceably assemble
5 and the right to free political expression; and

6 WHEREAS, Pride celebrations across the world are vital in order to commemorate the
7 struggle for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender human rights and to transmit the cultural
8 and historical legacy to future queer generations throughout the world as well as to educate
9 the heterosexual community about the ubiquitous presence of gay, lesbian, bisexual and
10 transgender people in all sectors of society and throughout the history of human civilization;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 urges Interior Minister Enzo Bianco of the government of Italy to permit the World Pride
14 celebration to commence as originally planned in the great City of Rome and to uphold the
15 freedom to peaceably assemble and freedom of political expression as well as affirming the
16 dignity and rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals as members and
17 citizens of a free and democratic nation; and let it be

18 FURTHER RESOVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City Council of the
19 great City of Rome to both permit and reappropriate funding for the World Pride Celebrations
20 in Rome.

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24 **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**, Leno, yaki, Katz
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Resolution

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Resolution urging Interior Minister Enzo Bianco of the government of Italy to permit the World Pride celebration to commence as originally planned in the great city of Rome and to uphold the freedom to peaceably assemble and freedom of political expression as well as affirming the dignity and rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals as members and citizens of a free and democratic nation and further urging the City Council of the great City of Rome to both permit and reappropriate funding of the World Pride Celebration in Rome.

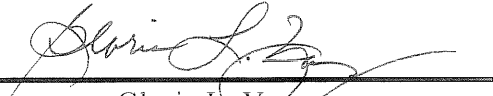
June 12, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Becerril, Bierman, Katz

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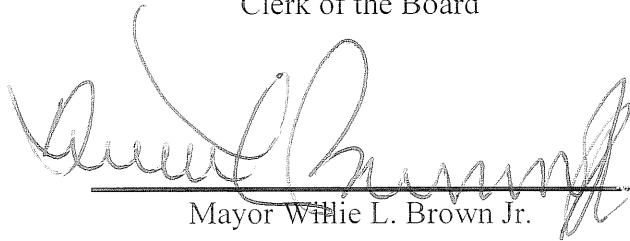
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on June 12, 2000 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JUN 23 2000

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.