

1 [Recognition of LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth]

2 **Resolution recognizing and commending the work and impact of the San**
3 **Francisco Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) for**
4 **LGBTQ Youth.**

5 WHEREAS, The Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) for
6 LGBTQ Youth is one of the main service providers and community spaces serving
7 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth in San
8 Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, The LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth was founded in 1988, making
10 it one of the first community centers serving LGBTQ youth in the country; and

11 WHEREAS, The LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth grew out of the ad-hoc
12 Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth, which was started by community
13 activists Donna Keiko Ozawa and Beth Kivel; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1996 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth launched the first
15 lobby day devoted to LGBTQ youth protections in public schools, engaging 300+
16 participants with the LIFE Lobby and the Gay-Straight Alliance Network, and building
17 momentum to pass California Assembly Bill 537 in 2000, which protects students and
18 staff against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1997 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth, along with other
20 LGBTQ youth-serving community organizations, co-founded the Dimensions Clinic
21 Collaboration, a twice-weekly clinic held at a public health center created to meet the
22 medical and psycho-social service needs of LGBTQ youth; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2001, The Youth Development Program Outcomes Project gave
2 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth one of the highest scores for youth development
3 outcomes and levels of youth satisfaction; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2010 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth received the
5 California Adolescent Health Janet Shalwitz Leadership Award and the Bank of
6 America's Neighborhood Builder Award in 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2011 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth launched the School-
8 Based Initiative to educate and build allyship among students, school staff, and families;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 2013 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth launched
11 UndocuWorkforce, the Bay Area's first paid leadership program for undocumented
12 LGBTQ (and ally) youth; and

13 WHEREAS, The LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth has expanded their
14 community partnerships to include API Wellness, Bay Area Young Positives,
15 Dimensions Clinic, Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco LGBT Center, and San
16 Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks, to respond to city budget cuts
17 impacting LGBTQ youth; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2018 and 2020, the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth was
19 awarded two contracts to expand housing navigation services for homeless and
20 unstably housed LGBTQ youth; and therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends the
22 work of the LYRIC Center for LGBTQ Youth and recognizes the positive impact the
23 center and its programs have had on LGBTQ youth in the City and County of San
24 Francisco.