

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296382

ADOPTED ON APR 22 2002

WHEREAS, the GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA is a charitable, not-for-profit chapter-based veterans association of active, reserve and veteran service members dedicated to full and equal rights and equitable treatment for all present and former members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA currently has 10 primary chapters in San Diego, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Albuquerque, Chicago, Denver, Houston, San Antonio, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C., and one secondary chapter in Orange County/Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, the GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA further operates as a social and advocacy group that assists active duty personnel, whenever possible, with advice, legal referrals, and personal support; and

WHEREAS, the GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA will hold its eighth annual "Lift the Ban" Convention 2002 in San Diego the weekend of April 11 through 14, 2002, at the Inn Suites in North Park, with a gala Military Ball on Saturday, April 13, 2002, at The Center in Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, the "Lift the Ban" Convention 2002 will bring together over 1,000 veterans and active duty service members from across America committed to work toward the ultimate

goal of lifting the ban against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals in the military;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the Citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA for their continued efforts to improve the quality of life for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender veterans and to achieve the basic right to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 13, 2002, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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