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RESOLUTION NO. RES-13-0083

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATORY  
LAWS AGAINST THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN RUSSIA AND  
URGING OUR SISTER CITY OF SOCHI TO JOIN OUR  
PROTEST

WHEREAS, Russia recently passed discriminatory laws against the lesbian,  
gay, bi-sexual and transgender ("LGBT") community, prohibiting the advocacy of LGBT  
rights and the public demonstration of affection with gay or lesbian partners; and

WHEREAS, the Russian legislation further contains a provision that allows  
police officers to arrest tourists and foreign nationals they suspect of being homosexual,  
lesbian or "pro-gay" and detain them for up to 14 days before expelling them from Russia;  
and

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation will host the 2014 Winter Olympic  
Games in Sochi, which is the sister city of Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, these laws foster an environment of violence and bigotry  
against the LGBT community and are oppressive not only to Russians but to Long Beach  
residents and other tourists who travel in Russia to attend the Olympic Games in Sochi;  
and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has been a strong advocate for  
measures to support the equality of LGBT individuals and for all people on a local, state  
and international level;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby expresses  
its protest of discriminatory laws targeting the LGBT community, including those focusing

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1 on tourists and Winter Olympics participants.

2 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach respectfully  
3 requests the municipal government of our sister city of Sochi, host of the 2014 Winter  
4 Olympics, to join our protest of these discriminatory laws.

5 Section 3. The City Council of the City of Long Beach respectfully  
6 requests the Long Beach/Sochi Sister City Association to assist in beginning a dialogue  
7 addressing these human rights issues in Russia.

8 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
9 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of September 17, 2013, by the  
12 following vote:

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14 Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske,  
15 Andrews, Johnson, Austin, Garcia.

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18 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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20 Absent: Councilmembers: Neal.

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26 City Clerk

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