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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Councilmember Darryl Moore

Subject: Proclamation in Recognition of Fabulous Activist Bay Area Lesbians with Disabilities: A Storytelling Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Berkeley Lesbians with Disabilities proclamation as a sign of support and appreciation for local disabled lesbian women.

BACKGROUND

For the past forty years, San Francisco Bay Area lesbians with disabilities have been actively engaged in political, social, and cultural waves of change. These women have successfully fought for the Americans with Disabilities Act, that now-integral part of U.S. law, as well as other programs with equal rates of success. However, as a subgroup of the disabled American population, activist lesbians with disabilities still remain an undocumented minority, whose contributions are in danger of being forgotten.

Thankfully, the group Fabled Asp (Fabulous Activist Bay Area Lesbians with Disabilities: A Storytelling Project) seeks to archive and document the contributions that lesbians with disabilities have made to society. A multicultural, multiracial, multimedia project whose members encompass four generations of disabled lesbians, Fabled Asp has utilized such mediums as theater, film, readings, quilts, dance performances, and audio in their efforts to ensure history and recognition of the contributions made to American society by lesbians with disabilities.

In recognition of the forty years of activism in politics and culture in the Bay Area that lesbians with disabilities have done for our community and society, a proclamation is recommended to be adopted to celebrate the lives of lesbians with disabilities and honor the efforts both the disabled lesbian population have contributed towards society and the efforts Fabled Asp has made to document these contributions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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IN HONOR OF FABLED ASP & LOCAL LESBIANS WITH DISABILITIES

- WHEREAS,** the local lesbians with disabilities population is a significant one, but under-appreciated, often forgotten, and undocumented; and
- WHEREAS,** this population has been active in pursuit of social justice, social change, and political action, and instrumental in getting the Americans With Disabilities Act established in the American law system; and
- WHEREAS,** the group Fabled Asp (Fabulous Activist Bay Area Lesbians with Disabilities: A Storytelling Project) has begun documenting the histories and achievements of the local disabled lesbian population; and
- WHEREAS,** Fabled Asp's work in documenting Bay Area lesbians with disabilities proves to be in and of itself a great contribution to society; and
- WHEREAS,** June has been declared by both the former President Clinton and current President Obama as the national gay pride and LGBTQ month; and
- WHEREAS,** the last forty years have seen great advancement in society, and lesbians with disabilities have done much to see this advancement through in local communities and the nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and proclaim

JUNE 6ST AS FABLED ASP & LOCAL LESBIANS WITH DISABILITES DAY

in the City of Berkeley and invite every resident of Berkeley to reflect on the efforts of Fabled Asp in their documentation of the local disabled lesbian population, and the contributions made to society on every level by lesbians with disabilities.