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R E S O L U T I O N S

for

P R I D E ' 7 8
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Passed

That the plenary session from 1978 State Gay Conference endorses the May 6 meeting called by Pennsylvania Gay Caucus to provide an open forum for the possible formation of a state wide gay support group.

PLIDE '78 RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED (2)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1978 Gay Pride Conference urges support of House Joint Resolution 638, to extend the Equal Rights Amendment ratification deadline to March, 1986, as an immediate priority; and

Passed

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1978 Gay Pride Conference will publicly affirm its support for this extension to the leadership in Congress, President Carter, the news media, its membership, and urges state and local leaders of the 1978 Gay Pride Conference to take a similar stand.

#3 AMENDMENT--Introduced by Dixie White, et alle

- a) insert between paragraphs 3 & 4 the following as new paragraph 4

WHEREAS, in some instances men have been denied equality of rights under the law, and

Passed as amended

- b) add to old paragraph 4

WHEREAS, the ERA, writing women into the constitution ~~and~~ ^{and} giving full protection to men, must be ratified . . .

and underlining struck

#4 Introduced by, Anna Oserin.

~~Resolved, in order to promote freedom of religion within the Gay Community, ~~the following organizations be invited to men Jewish and non-Christian religious organizations, i.e. a. Islamic b. Atheist (the religion of non-belief) c. Hindu d. Buddhist e. Taoist and f. others (unknown to myself).~~~~

Failed

*Amendment
The gay community should take action to promote*

#5 Introduced by, The Workshop on Gay Switchboards--Paul Jablonski and Marilyn Hewitt

~~RESOLVED that a state wide association be formed of existing gay telephone counseling services and that the goals of that association be:~~

- 1) to provide the interchange and exchange of ideas, information, and organizational concepts to existing switchboards.
- 2) to provide assistance to and to nurture newly formed organizations.

Passed as amended

that the Gay Pride 178 Conference encourage and endorse that

#6 Introduced by, Cynthia R. Cauthern, Lisa White, and Paul Jablonski.

~~WHEREAS~~ ^{therefore} ~~there exist~~ ^{therefore} ~~sexual minorities and racial minorities within the Gay Community~~ ^{therefore} ~~it is resolved that~~ ^{therefore} ~~this conference acknowledge and actively encourage the participation of such~~

minorities (i.e.: Black, Puerto Rican, Asian, other ethnic minorities, transsexuals, S & M, and persons with physical and emotional disabilities to be included) in all functions concerning Gay activities throughout the State.

Passed as amended

PRIDE '78 RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED (3)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sexual Minorities and Racial Minorities within the Gay Community be actively sought to participate in Gay activities.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Gay Conference encourages the opening of gay associations, groups, and social outlets to minorities; regardless of race, age, physical incapacitation, sex, or divergent life styles and that it encourages social intercourse and dialogue with all peoples.

*Passed
as
res #6*

#7 Introduced by, David A. Dilger, Ronald E. Robertson, and Bill Lundgren

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Gay Conference of 1978 recognizes that the disease of alcoholism affects our brothers and sisters in a greater proportion than the national average. Therefore, we request that alcoholism ^{education and} treatment programs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania give emphasis to the special needs of gay alcoholics and urge the cooperation of the gay press in educating our gay sisters and brothers of the need to address this problem.

#8 Introduced by, Gay Youth Workshop

WHEREAS, there are many youth in this society who identify themselves as gay, and there are many more youth who are uncertain of their sexual identity;

AND WHEREAS, society provides little or no support for these youth, and even in the gay movement there are only a few places to which they can turn;

AND ^{whereas next} ~~WHEREAS~~, ~~and youth~~ and gay youth especially have little or no control over their own lives and bodies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this conference recognizes the special ^{problems} ~~expression~~ of gay youth, and recognizes the gay movement's commitment to its youth;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this conference supports the establishment and continuation of support groups and self-help groups for youth concerned about their sexual identity.

#9 Introduced by, JoAnn Hoyt.

WHEREAS, having passed a resolution in support of H.J. Res. 638 to support the Equal Rights Amendment ratification deadline extension;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1978 Gay Pride Conference ~~participate in~~ and publicly support the ERA Processional March in Washington D.C., July 9, 1978.

*Passed
as amended
endesse
as amended*

Be it further resolved that Gay Pride Conference attendees urge similar support from other organizations to which they belong

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II WHEREAS, having passed a resolution in support of H.J. Res. 638 to support the Equal Rights Amendment ratification deadline extension;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1978 Pride Conference attendees urge similar support in other organizations to which they belong.

The two above resolutions were among those passed in the Sunday Plenary Session of the Pride '78 Conference, meeting on April 8-9 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania. The Conference was attended by a total of 229 persons.

Keith Edinger
Conference Secretary,
Pride '78 Conference
April 9, 1978

Dick White will forward copy to NOW National Action Center & Pennsylvania NOW Executive Committee