

## **RESOLUTION HONORING MAY 22, 2013 AS HARVEY MILK DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk made history as the first openly gay elected official in California, and one of the first in the nation, when he won election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 1977, and perhaps more than any other modern figure, Harvey Milk's life and political career embody the rise of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) civil rights movement in California, across the nation and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today; and as he was named as one of Time Magazine's most influential people of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama, and has been inducted into the California Hall of Fame; and The State of California has designated May 22 annually as Harvey Milk Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk's life and social contributions have left an indelible mark on the History of our nation and hold a special meaning for the people of California; and as the holiday commemorating Harvey Milk's life provides an excellent forum to raise awareness of the importance of his life that continues to be an inspiration to all people committed to equal opportunity and an end to bigotry; and be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Democratic Party of Orange County honors the life and times of Harvey Milk; and

**RESOLVED**, That the Democratic Party of Orange County calls on all public officeholders and education officials to observe Harvey Milk Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate our diversity and recognize the achievements of this historic figure.

Submitted by Jeff LeTourneau and Denise Penn, DPOC LGBT Caucus Co-Chairs