



*The City and County of San Francisco*

# *Certificate of Honor*

*Presented To*

**HOWARD STEIERMANN**

**OCTOBER 5, 2009**

*WHEREAS*, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to recognize and honor Howard Steiermann on his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Howard has lived in San Francisco since 1987, owned his own local small business since 1993, and continues to serve as a mentor and role model to youth and adults in both the LGBT and Jewish communities in our City. Howard has been long involved with a number of social services programs including Chicken Soupers for the last 21 years, delivering monthly food packages to those with AIDS and other life-threatening conditions. As a ritual facilitator, Howard has officiated many life events, celebrating the births, *b'not mitvah*, marriages, and deaths of countless people from the San Francisco Bay Area and nationwide. Howard is a teacher of some, a student of many, and regularly writes a column on contemporary Jewish issues from an LGBT perspective. Congratulations on your special day and best wishes on all your future endeavors!



*THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

*Gavin Newsom  
Mayor*