



# Use of Diagnoses "Homosexuality" and "Ego-Dystonic Homosexuality"

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the American Psychological Association has been on record since 1975 that "homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability, or general social and vocational capabilities"; and

WHEREAS it appears that the *ICD-9-CM* is widely used either by mandate or choice by many psychologists nationwide in connection with third-party reimbursement, institutional-based service delivery, and research; and

WHEREAS the next revision of the *ICD* is not anticipated to be completed until 1992 and may, according to current proposals, then contain the "ego-dystonic homosexuality" diagnosis which APA also opposes; and

WHEREAS the Council of Representatives already has urged APA members not to use the proposed *DSM-III-R* diagnoses of Periluteal Phase Disorder, Self-Defeating Personality Disorder, and Sadistic Personality Disorder because they lack adequate scientific basis and are potentially dangerous to women;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Psychological Association urge its members not to use the "302.0 Homosexuality" diagnosis in the current *ICD-9-CM* or the "302.00 Ego-Dystonic Homosexuality" diagnosis in the current *DSM-III* or future editions of either document.



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For more information, please see [www.apa.org/pi/lgbt](http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt)

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