

HISTORY OF INTRO 475:

January 6, 1971: Intro 475 first introduced by Councilmen Eldon Clingan, Carter Burden, Leonard Scholnick and Theodore Weiss.

May 17, 1971: New York Times reports Mayor Lindsay in support of bill.

July 21, 1971: Congressman Edward Koch writes Majority Leader Thomas Cuife for statement on status of bill. Similar letters sent by Assemblyman Franz Leichter, Shirley Chisholm, New York State Sen. Robert Garcia and GAA.

October 1-3, 1971: GAA leaflets community for protest action.

October 3, 1971: Six arrested at demonstration in the apartment house lobby of General Welfare Committee chairman, Saul Sharison.

October 18, 1971: Public hearings start on bill, the first civil rights law for gay people in the United States.

October, November and December, 1971: City Council debates merits of bill.

January 26-27, 1972: Community leaflets on demonstration. Demonstration against Mayor Lindsay at Radio City Music Hall, City Hall and "Lindsay '72" HQ arrested, but Mayor still refuses to act on bill.

January 28, 1972: Intro 475's first vote. Defeated in committee.

February 8, 1972: Lindsay issues execu-

tive order on discrimination against gays. Discriminatory instances still found. East Lansing, Michigan, passes a civil rights law modeled on Intro 475.

July 19, 1972: Intro 475 fails for a second time in committee. Leaflet distributed on demonstration.

July 23, 1972: Demonstration against Councilman Katz by GAA Brooklyn for anti-gay remarks published in the New York Post.

April 18, 1973: Gays confront Council members in front of City Hall and demand action on bill.

April 19, 1973: New York Post reports vote set on bill. Editorial published: "Justice Overdue."

April 25, 1973: Herman Badillo issues statement urging "yes" vote on bill. Signatures from committee members on statement: "We, the undersigned members of the Committee on General Welfare, intend to vote affirmative on Intro 475 . . ." Aileen Ryan and Thomas Manton among signatories.

April 27, 1973: Committee votes a third time against bill. Aileen Ryan and Thomas Manton do not vote. 20 arrested following sit-in on Brooklyn Bridge. New York Post editorial: "Shame of a City." GAA issues press statement. Councilman Clingan issues press statement. CBS editorial.

December 19, 1973: Committee votes to postpone action on bill. Meanwhile, eight other U.S. cities now have civil rights legislation for gay people.