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February 22, 2024

Matthew Shepard Foundation 301 Thelma Drive, #512 Casper, WY 82609

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 049-24

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WHEREAS, A coalition of organizations and leaders convened by the International Imperial Court System, including California Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, Cleve Jones, Stuart Milk, the Matthew Shepard Foundation, and Bruce Cohen have formed the Matthew Shepard Stamp Campaign to honor Matthew Shepard through a commemorative stamp; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Shepard was born on December 1, 1976 in Casper, Wyoming and grew into a young man passionate about equality and human rights; and

WHEREAS, His tragic murder in 1998, one of the most notorious anti-gay hate crimes in our nation's history, became the catalyst for significant shift in public awareness and policy, leading to the enactment of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, a landmark piece of legislation that provides federal protections for violent acts based on actual or perceived gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identify; and

WHEREAS, Such a stamp would symbolically represent our collective stand against hate in all forms and our commitment to building a more inclusive and compassionate society; and

WHEREAS, In light of the profound influence of Matthew Shepard's life and death on our nation's journey toward greater acceptance and equality, it is fitting and proper that we honor his memory and legacy through a commemorative stamp; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the advancement of civil rights and the protection of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, over 500 pieces of legislation were introduced across the country targeting the rights of queer and trans Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco honors the legacy of Matthew Shepard by supporting the Matthew Shepard U.S. Postal Stamp Campaign and respectfully urges the Members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to include Matthew Shepard for stamp development consideration; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk provide copies of the resolution to be shared with the Matthew Shepard Foundation, the International Imperial Court Council, the Office of Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, the Offices of the United States Senator Alex Padilla, and Laphonza Butler, the U.S. Postal Service Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, and the Postmaster General of the United States.



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Resolution supporting the issuance of a commemorative United States (U.S.) Postage Forever Stamp, in honor and in memory of Matthew Shepard.

January 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

January 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 1/30/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

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02/02/2024

Date