

1 [Concern Over the Deshon Marman Incident on US Airways]

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3 **Resolution expressing concern over the treatment of Deshon Marman by US Airways,**
4 **and urging the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate US Airways' actions and**
5 **develop and implement consistent dress requirements for passengers.**
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7 WHEREAS, Deshon Marman, a 20 year old student of the University of New Mexico at
8 Albuquerque and resident of San Francisco's Hunters Point neighborhood, was a passenger
9 on US Airways Flight 488 to Albuquerque, on June 15, 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Although US Airways has no written dress code policy, Mr. Marman was
11 asked by a US Airways ticket agent to pull up his pants on the flight, which he agreed to do
12 once seated; and,

13 WHEREAS, When asked about how the airline implements dress code requirements,
14 US Airways spokeswoman Valerie Wunder stated "We don't have a dress code policy.
15 Obviously, if their private parts are exposed, that's not appropriate... So if they're not exposing
16 their private parts, they're allowed to fly"; and,

17 WHEREAS, Although Mr. Marmon complied with US Airways staff's request, the pilot
18 informed Mr. Marmon that they would not fly the plane until he exited; and,

19 WHEREAS, Upon exiting the plane, Mr. Marman was arrested on suspicion of a felony
20 count of battery of a police officer and misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and
21 trespassing, serious criminal charges for which Mr. Marman is contesting; and,

22 WHEREAS, Numerous US Airways passengers have previously complained about
23 another passenger who flies on the airline dressed in lingerie. This passenger was not asked
24 to change his attire or exited from his flights; and,
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1 WHEREAS, The inconsistent treatment of these passengers by US Airways and the
2 absence of a dress code policy suggests that the airline has selectively enforced subjective
3 standards of dress on its passengers; and,

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Marmon experienced embarrassment and humiliation when being
5 forcefully removed from a plane, as a result of this apparent subjective enforcement of dress
6 standards; and,

7 WHEREAS, The enforcement of these subjective standards violates passengers, such
8 as Mr. Marmon's civil rights; and,

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 does hereby express concern over US Airways' treatment of Mr. Marmon and their lack of any
11 formal dress code requirements; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
13 Francisco urges the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate the selective enforcement
14 practices of US Airways related to passengers' attire; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
16 Francisco urges the Federal Aviation Administration to develop and implement consistent
17 dress code policies that do not lead to the infringement of passengers' civil rights.



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July 19, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/19/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor Edwin Lee

7/29/11

Date Approved

Date: July 29, 2011

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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