

1 [Seat Belt Requirement On Farm Labor Vehicles]

2 **URGING THE CALIFORNIA SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLYMAN**  
3 **DEAN FLOREZ'S (D-SHAFTER) LEGISLATION REQUIRING FARM LABOR VEHICLES TO**  
4 **BE EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS AND FURTHER TO OFFER CONDOLENCES TO THE**  
5 **FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED FARM LABORERS**

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WHEREAS, On August 9, 1999 at 5:10 AM in Five Points, a small farming village between Fresno and Coalinga, a van transporting 15 farms workers, who had just finished picking tomatoes and were transporting the crop to Fresno, collided with a tractor trailer; and

WHEREAS, Thirteen of the fifteen farm workers were killed; and

WHEREAS, If the van had seat belts, the deaths of the 13 passengers might have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, However, California law does not require certified farm vehicles transporting farm laborers to have seat belts; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, 63 farm workers have died in farm-labor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, California Assemblyman Dean Florez (D-Shafter) will be introducing a bill to require farm vehicles to have seat belts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the California Senate and Assembly to support Assemblyman Dean Florez's resolution requiring farm labor vehicles to be equipped with seat belts on; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors offer condolences to family members of the 13 deceased farm laborers.

**SUPERVISOR, AMMIANO, BIERMAN, KATZ, BECERRIL**



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### Resolution

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**File Number:** 991598

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the California Senate and Assembly to support Assemblyman Dean Florez's (D-Shafter) legislation requiring farm labor vehicles to be equipped with seat belts and further to offer condolences to the families of the deceased farm laborers.

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August 23, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Newsom, Teng,  
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Kaufman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 23, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



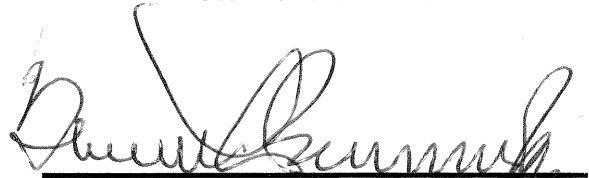
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.