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[Condemning the persecution and murders of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Iraqi Citizens]

Resolution calling on the U.S. Department of State to use all diplomatic channels to work with the Iraqi Government to stop the persecution of Iraqi Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) citizens and immediately stop the murders of Iraqi LGBT citizens.

WHEREAS, Over the past two weeks, 6 men have been murdered in Iraq for being Gay; and

WHEREAS, In the most recent attack, two men were killed in Sadr City area of Baghdad after they were disowned by relatives; and,

WHEREAS, Residents of Sadr City reported that the bodies of the two men aged 16 and 18 were found on waste ground on the outskirts of Sadr City, and that several days previously the two men had been dumped in the street with their arms and legs broken; and

WHEREAS, The shootings came after a tribal meeting was held and the tribal members decided to go kill the victims; and,

WHEREAS, On March 26, four additional men were fatally shot in Sadr City after the victims had also been disowned by their relatives; and,

WHEREAS, Two of the bodies, found on Thursday, had pieces of paper attached to them on which was written the word 'Pervert;' and

WHEREAS, In addition to the murders, a cafe frequented by Iraqi LGBT citizens was firebombed in hopes of intimidating Iraqi LGBT citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors call on the U.S. Department of State to use all diplomatic channels to stop the persecution of Iraqi LGBT citizens and immediately stop the murders of Iraqi LGBT citizens; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors forwards this resolution to the U.S. Secretary of State and the State Department's Iraq Desk and the Congressional Delegation that represents the City and County of San Francisco.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 14, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Angela Calville lerk of the Board