

1 [Urging the United States Department of State to condemn the Islamic Republic of Iran's  
2 execution of juveniles.]

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4 **Resolution urging the United States Department of State to condemn the Islamic**  
5 **Republic of Iran's execution of two teenagers [ Mahmoud Asgari, Ayaz Marhoni], and**  
6 **the impending execution of two young men [Farid Mostaar, Ahmad Chooka], for**  
7 **conducting homosexual acts allegedly charged as "rape."**

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9 WHEREAS, On July 19, 2005, in the northeastern city of Mashhad, Iran, two  
10 teenagers, 16-year-old Ayaz Marhoni and 18-year-old Mahmoud Asgari, were publicly hanged  
11 for a crime involving homosexual sex – they were accused of raping an unidentified 13-year-  
12 old boy, although unheard evidence suggested otherwise; and,

13 WHEREAS, Before the execution, Marhoni and Asgari were detained for  
14 approximately fourteen months and received 228 lashes each for drinking, disturbing the  
15 peace and minor theft; and,

16 WHEREAS, Despite appeals from Iranian human rights activists, Nobel laureate Shirin  
17 Ebadi, and many other Non-Government Organizations (NGO's), the Iranian Supreme Court  
18 upheld the verdict and death sentence of Marhoni and Asgari ; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Iranian Supreme Court in Arak, has sentenced two more young  
20 Iranian men, Farid Mostaar and Ahmad Chooka, to death by public hanging – scheduled on  
21 August 27, 2005 - the charge - homosexual intercourse and "rape"; and,

22 WHEREAS, These executions are a violation of the UN Convention on the Rights of  
23 the Child and a violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Iran is a  
24 signatory to both), which prohibit the execution of minors; and,

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1           WHEREAS, In 2004, 97 percent of all known executions took place in China, Iran,  
2 Vietnam and the United States; in the number of juvenile executions since 1990, Iran ranks  
3 second (executed 14) to the United States (executed 19); and,

4           WHEREAS, The execution of juveniles in Iran sheds light on the execution of juveniles  
5 within the United States, challenging how our prism of an enlightened, secular, humane  
6 Western society is pitted against an Islamic-theocratic, oppressive society; now, therefore, be  
7 it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
9 hereby deplores the persecution and execution of all Iranians who are denied the due  
10 process of the law and are, or are perceived to be, of the LGBT community; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
12 Francisco urges the U.S. State Department and its European partners to issue a strong  
13 condemnation against the Islamic Republic of Iran for their national practice of civil rights  
14 abuses and executions of homosexuals, and demand the cessation of further executions and  
15 denial of due process of law.