

[Condemning Murder of Matthew Shepard]

1 **CONDEMNING THE ANTI-GAY MOTIVATED MURDER OF MATTHEW SHEPARD AND**  
2 **URGING THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A HATE CRIMES STATUTE WHICH**  
3 **INCLUDES SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

4 WHEREAS, Matthew Shepard, a 22 year old gay University of Wyoming student was  
5 robbed, beaten, burned, and tied to a fence-post on Wednesday, October 7, 1998; and,

6 WHEREAS, Matthew Shepard was found unconscious after enduring twelve hours  
7 exposed to the elements in near freezing temperatures; and,

8 WHEREAS, Matthew Shepard succumbed to his injuries on Monday, October 12, 1998;  
9 and,

10 WHEREAS, The suspected perpetrators of the hate motivated murder made anti-gay  
11 comments about the victim to their accessories; and,

12 WHEREAS, Commander O'Malley of the local Wyoming police department stated that  
13 the victim was chosen in part because of his sexual orientation; and,

14 WHEREAS, Many states, including California, have hate crimes laws which provide  
15 prison sentencing guidelines which lengthen a jail term for crimes against persons which were  
16 motivated by perpetrators hatred of the victim's sexual orientation, be it homosexual or  
17 heterosexual; and,

18 WHEREAS, California's hate crimes statute allows for prosecution of crimes motivated  
19 by hatred of heterosexuals as well as homosexuals, thus providing no special rights for  
20 homosexuals; and,

21 WHEREAS, The state of Wyoming has no hate crimes statute; and,

22 WHEREAS, The citizens of the City and County of San Francisco deplore hateful  
23 attacks against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
25 condemns the murder of Matthew Shepard

Supervisors Ammiano, Katz, Leno, Yee, Brown, Kaufman, Bierman, Medina  
**Board of Supervisors**

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the state of Wyoming to  
adopt hate crimes legislation which includes sexual orientation; and, be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco , Willie  
3 Brown, send a copy of this legislation to the Wyoming State Legislature and to the Honorable  
4 James Geringer, Governor of the State of Wyoming.

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8 SUPERVISOR AMMIANO, KATZ, LENO, YEE, BROWN, *KAUFMAN, Bierman*



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### Resolution

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**File Number:** 981727

**Date Passed:**

Resolution condemning the anti-gay motivated murder of Matthew Shepard and urging the Wyoming State Legislature to adopt a hate crimes statute which includes sexual orientation.

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October 19, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Teng,  
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 19, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



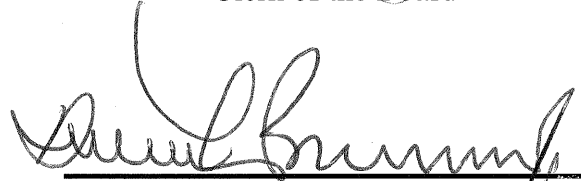
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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