

1 [Urging California State Legislature to sponsor legislation prohibiting display of human  
2 remains.]

3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to sponsor legislation prohibiting the**  
4 **commercial display of human remains without appropriate written authorization from**  
5 **the deceased or the deceased's next-of-kin.**

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7 WHEREAS, an ordinance has been introduced at the Board of Supervisors to prohibit  
8 the commercial display of human remains without appropriate written authorization from the  
9 deceased or the deceased's next-of-kin; and,

10 WHEREAS, the legislation being considered by the Board of Supervisors includes  
11 protections for human remains that are more than 100 years old; and,

12 WHEREAS, the legislation includes protections for institutions such as museum  
13 facilities which properly display human remains for educational and historical purposes; and,

14 WHEREAS, the legislation includes protections for the viewing of the deceased at  
15 licensed funeral establishments or as part of funeral or memorial services; and,

16 WHEREAS, the commercial display of human remains without the knowledge or  
17 consent of the deceased or of next-of-kin oversteps the bounds of basic respect and human  
18 rights; and,

19 WHEREAS, legislation from the California State Legislature complementing San  
20 Francisco's proposed ordinance would send a strong message that California is committed to  
21 preserving the rights of individuals to dignity and decency when they have passed away; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to  
24 sponsor legislation prohibiting the commercial display of human remains without appropriate  
25 written authorization from the deceased or the deceased's next-of-kin.