

1 [Condemning Hate Crimes]

2 **CONDEMNING THE SERIES OF HATE MOTIVATED ASSAULTS AGAINST THE GAY**
3 **COMMUNITY IN SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, AND BOSTON AND URGING THE**
4 **UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT**

5 WHEREAS, Reminiscent of the recent brutal assault and murder of Matthew Shepard,
6 another 21 year old gay man, Brad Davis, was assaulted and left to die in a ditch off Interstate
7 80 in Sacramento on December 6, 1998; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite suffering two fractured vertebrae along his spine, six broken ribs
9 on the left side, three broken ribs on the right side, ankles fractured on both legs, chipped
10 teeth, cuts on the tongue and two black eyes, Brad Davis survived the heinous attack and
11 remains in critical condition; and

12 WHEREAS, On December 4, 1998 in San Francisco, an anonymous man stumbled into
13 St. Mary's Medical Center seeking help after having been assaulted and anti-gay epithets
14 written all over his body; and

15 WHEREAS, On October 31, Halloween Night, another gay San Franciscan man was
16 assaulted by six men on Church and Market Street and sustained permanent hearing damage,
17 blows to the head which required stitches, and injuries to hip and face; and

18 WHEREAS, On December 4, 1998 in Boston. William Hester, a 34 year old transgender
19 man and nightclub performer was found murdered; and

20 WHEREAS, These recent series of attacks against the gay and transgender men is
21 indicative the virulent homophobia which pervades our country and condemns the gay
22 community to live in fear and uncertainty; and

23 WHEREAS, It has become even more urgent for City governments and law
24 enforcement agencies to assume a proactive role in the protection of the human rights of Gay
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Supervisors Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Medina, Yaki, Katz

1 Americans and other Americans who are perceived to be different because of race, ethnicity,
2 religion, gender, or physical ability; and

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

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 condemns the assault of Brad Davis, the murder of William Hester, and countless other victims
7 of hate-motivated violence; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges both Senate and the
9 House of Representatives to support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act which will broaden the
10 federal bias laws to cover sexual orientation.

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Resolution

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Resolution condemning the series of hate motivated assaults against the gay community in San Francisco, Sacramento, and Boston and urging the United States Congress to support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

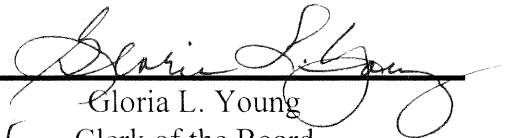
December 21, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Yaki

Absent: 3 - Kaufman, Teng, Yee

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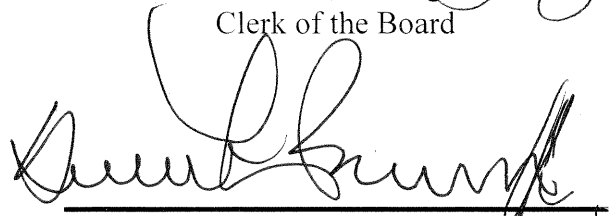
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 21, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.