[Commitment to Investing in the Safety of Children in Parks and Open Space]

Resolution reaffirming the Commitment of the City and County of San Francisco to invest in the safety of its children in our parks and open space.

WHEREAS, All forms of violence, physical, psychological, racial, religious, economic and sexual, affect the lives of all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence has taken too many lives in San Francisco including twenty to date in the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2006, Donte White, a part-time recreational employee, was gunned down in Ella Hill Hutch Recreation Center in front of more than 60 children including his own daughter as he led an instructional game of basketball; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2013, Lawrence Collins was killed at Minnie and Lovie Ward Park while more than 30 adults and teens played 250 feet away; and

WHEARAS, On June 27, 2014, over forty children witnessed the horrific murder of Allen Calloway in broad daylight while playing in what should have been a safe and secure location; and

WHEREAS, Correlations have been shown between children who experience adverse childhood experiences, such as witnessing violent acts and, poor physical and mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, High incarceration rates of minority and low income individuals are contributing factors to poor mental health outcomes and cyclical violence that happens disproportionately among the low income, young and minority population in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Funding for violence prevention programs have been significantly reduced and in some cases eliminated in years past; and

WHEREAS, Poor and disenfranchised members of San Francisco's low and moderate income communities are often less likely to cooperate in police investigations; and

WHEREAS, Reinvesting and re-committing to the safety of our children in recreational programs and violence prevention programs will further assist in supporting our law enforcement departments; in addition, to restoring the community's sense of safety around Parks and Open Space areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby officially condemns all violent acts within and outside of our Parks and Open Space areas; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will re-commit itself and resources towards preventing homicides and other near lethal violent acts; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco will work to not only support programs for children and young adults but also support measures to ensure their safety while in these programs.



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## Resolution

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September 02, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/2/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

<u>Unsigned</u> 9/12/14

Mayor Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board