

1 [Expressing Support for President Obama’s Guidelines on Racial Profiling]

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3 **Resolution expressing support for President Obama’s new guidelines, released on**
4 **December 8, 2014, limiting racial profiling by federal law enforcement officers.**

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6 WHEREAS, On December 8, 2014, President Obama released new guidelines on
7 racial profiling for federal law enforcement officers and local law enforcement agencies that
8 work with federal law enforcement task forces; and

9 WHEREAS, The new guidance builds on the previous 2003 regulations and prohibits
10 federal law enforcement officers from profiling individuals based on race, ethnicity, gender,
11 national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity to any degree, when making
12 routine or spontaneous law enforcement except that officers may rely on the listed
13 characteristics in a specific suspect description; and

14 WHEREAS, Racial profiling has strong detrimental effects on the relationship between
15 law enforcement agencies and communities of color; and

16 WHEREAS, Without strong and fair law enforcement practices law abiding residents
17 often do not feel safe in their own communities and are less likely to collaborate with law
18 enforcement officials on public safety issues; and

19 WHEREAS, The recent tragic incidents involving unarmed African American males and
20 law enforcement officers have raised widespread concern and debate over the use of racial
21 profiling in our criminal justice system; and

22 WHEREAS, These incidents point to greater hurdles we must overcome as a nation to
23 build trust and confidence between law enforcement and the communities they serve; and

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1 WHEREAS, While this new guidance doesn't broadly impact local law enforcement
2 agencies it is an important standard and message from the federal government to local
3 agencies; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors expresses its support for
5 President Obama's leadership on this issue; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on all local
7 law enforcement agencies to adopt similar restrictions on the use of racial profiling in policing
8 and to work with communities to develop strategies that build trust between residents and law
9 enforcement.

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