[Condemning Homophobic Violence]

Resolution strongly condemning hate-motivated violence directed against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and further urging all legal authorities to guarantee that all such violations be punished without discrimination and further urging the US government to give equal consideration to violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity in reporting and formulating policies around the promotion of global human rights.

WHEREAS, Women and men around the world are beaten, imprisoned, tortured or killed on daily basis solely on the basis of real or perceived sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, The human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people are firmly embedded into international human rights conventions; and

WHEREAS, State leaders are often responsible for fostering a climate of hostility in which people suspected of being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender are routinely subjected to harassment, discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, Many of those who speak up for LGBT rights—regardless of their sexual orientation—become the targets and victims of threats and persecution; and

WHEREAS, In many instances, the police and other agents of the state are the perpetrators of human rights abuses, such as extortion, entrapment and physical assaults; and

WHEREAS, Reprehensible acts of hate speech and hate crimes targeting the LGBT community have historically, and continue to occur in and around the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby strongly condemns hate-motivated violence directed against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and further urging all legal authorities to guarantee that all such violations be punished without discrimination; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors urges the US government to give equal consideration to violations based on sexual orientation and gender identity in reporting and formulating policies around the promotion of global human rights.



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Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,

McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 8, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

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**Date Approved**