[Commending Communities of Faith]

Resolution commending the leaders of San Francisco communities of faith for their response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

WHEREAS, San Francisco faith community leaders have declared Monday, September 17, 2001 a "Day of Remembrance" and are hosting a ceremony to memorialize the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Interfaith leaders met last week with city political leaders to pledge their commitment to tolerance and understanding of all of San Francisco's diverse communities of faith; and,

WHEREAS, At this meeting leaders expressed a particular concern with scapegoating and intolerance of particular groups; and,

WHEREAS, One of the first plans made by interfaith leaders was to hold a "Day of Remembrance" hosted by diverse groups of faith; and,

WHEREAS, The leaders gathering for this "Day of Remembrance" are responding particularly to a rise in hostility towards communities brought on by fear of the incident; and,

WHEREAS, These communities have ranged from Muslim and Arab groups to the many communities that Reverends Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson blamed for the incident; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco's faith community leaders have been steadfast in their call for unity and are working against scapegoating of groups, even as the nation works to apprehend the terrorist who were responsible for the World Trade Center incident; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends the leaders of our communities of faith for their thoughtful, measured and inspired response to the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and for their repudiation of those who use religion as a weapon of fear and exclusion rather than as a tool to help integrate and heal our diverse communities.



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## Resolution

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Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Newsom, Peskin, Yee Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 24, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved** 

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Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.