Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to support the reconvening of a multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Death Review Team to conduct an in-depth review of domestic violence-related fatalities; make recommendations to strengthen system policies and procedures, if needed; and identify additional prevention strategies to prevent future incidents of domestic violence-related injuries and deaths.

WHEREAS, Violence against women is a serious issue globally, nationally, and locally, with approximately 1 in 4 women experiencing severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco alone receives an average of 20 calls to 911 and almost 60 crisis line calls per day related to domestic violence according to the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women's 2011 Comprehensive Report on Family Violence in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has taken ground-breaking and innovative steps to fight violence against women, children, and men, including but not limited to being the first city in the world to enact a local ordinance reflecting the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) which is commonly known as the international bill of rights for women, establishing the Justice and Courage Oversight Panel on Domestic Violence Policy Reform in San Francisco in 2002, and successfully implementing 121 of the Panel's recommended reforms city-wide; and

WHEREAS, Due to the tireless efforts and work of courageous advocates and survivors of domestic violence, anti-domestic violence community-based organizations,
domestic violence shelters, the Commission and Department on the Status of Women, the
Justice and Courage Oversight Panel, the Domestic Violence Consortium, the Family
Violence Council, our local law enforcement agencies and District Attorney's office, have
resulted in an unprecedented 44 months without a domestic violence fatality from June 2010
to January 2014; and

WHEREAS, Despite all of the indefatigable and collaborative work of anti-violence
advocates in the community and in local government that have established San Francisco as
a national model in how to handle domestic violence cases, we know that there is still more
work that we must do to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Between January 28th and October 15th of this year, four women
horrifically lost their lives due to domestic violence and left behind devastated and grieving
loved ones, family, and communities who must struggle every day with the heartbreaking loss
of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, California Penal Code 11163.3 allows a county to establish an interagency
domestic violence death review team to ensure that incidents of domestic violence and abuse
are recognized and that agency involvement is reviewed to develop recommendations for
policies and protocols for community prevention and intervention initiatives to reduce and
eradicate the incidence of domestic violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the City and County
of San Francisco to support the reconvening of the San Francisco Domestic Violence Death
Review Team in collaboration with the domestic violence communities, the Commission and
Department on the Status of Women, and local law enforcement agencies with the primary
goal being to prevent any future domestic violence deaths in our City.
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October 28, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 141109

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/28/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

11/7/2014

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