

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BLACK LIVES

WHEREAS the murders of countless unarmed African American men and women by police officers and armed civilians, and the innumerable acts of racism and bias by proxy endured by African Americans throughout the country, highlights the urgent need to reaffirm the value of black lives,

WHEREAS the San Francisco Police Department is committed to bias-free policing, as expressed in Department General Order 5.17, through its plan to institute anti-bias testing as part of new officer entrance exams, as well as other ongoing measures,

WHEREAS the San Francisco Police Department has been on the forefront of implementing many critical reforms related to police accountability, bias-free policing, and community policing,

WHEREAS the San Francisco Police Department continues to revise and improve its Use of Force policies,

WHEREAS there is more to be done in order for the San Francisco Police Department to make bias-free policing a reality,

WHEREAS community policing demands that officers serve all communities with safety, respect and empathy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police Department shall, in each of its district stations and within 30 days of the passage of this resolution, display a poster or sign of at least 32 x 24 inches that prominently and exclusively features the expression “Black Lives Matter;” and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the poster or sign shall be prominently displayed, placed in a location that is visible by the general public visiting the station and at all time the sign must be unobstructed from a distance of at least five feet; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police Department has an immediate obligation to maintain and replace any sign that is altered, including disfigurement, impairment, or fading from its original condition; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police Department should view the display of these posters as the first step in a larger dialogue with other city agencies and community stakeholders on how to further support black lives in San Francisco; and

RESOLVED, The Commission Secretary is directed to advise the Department consistent with this Resolution.