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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291099

ADOPTED ON DEC 08 1998

WHEREAS, nine-year-old Matthew Cecchi was murdered on November 14, 1998; and

WHEREAS, this was an intentional and heinous crime of murder; and

WHEREAS, section 190.2 of the State of California Penal Code provides that the penalty for a defendant guilty of murder in the first degree shall be death or imprisonment in the state prison for life without the possibility of parole where one or more special circumstances have been charged and found to be true; and

WHEREAS, California State Assemblyman Steve Baldwin has introduced a bill that would amend existing law for murder where the defendant intentionally killed the victim, who was under 14 years of age, and knew or reasonably should have known that the victim was under 14 years of age; and

WHEREAS, "Matthew's Law" would require tougher penalties for people convicted of murdering a victim under 14 years of age; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby support the efforts of Assemblyman Baldwin to amend section 190.2 of the State of California Penal Code, "Matthew's Law."

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