

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REMOVAL OF CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PRESIDENT MICHAEL PEEVEY**

RESOLVED, on the evening of September 9, 2010 a faulty weld on a natural gas pipeline operated by PG&E catastrophically failed causing the pipeline to explode and ignite a fire that engulfed the Crestmoor neighborhood in the City of San Bruno, killing eight residents, injuring dozens more, destroying 38 homes and leaving an entire community devastated; and

WHEREAS, last year, the National Transportation Safety Board concluded a thorough, year-long investigation of the incident which produced several key findings, among them that ineffective enforcement by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) permitted PG&E organizational and safety failures to continue for many years unchecked; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year CPUC President Michael Peevey appointed himself to lead the inquiry into whether PG&E should be fined for the San Bruno disaster despite the fact that he was a key decision maker during the time that the CPUC failed to conduct proper oversight of PG&E; and

WHEREAS, the recent actions of the CPUC, under the leadership of President Peevey, to suspend the administrative hearings that provide the public the opportunity to hear and understand the issues under investigation related to the San Bruno tragedy, call into question the Commission's, and its President's, commitment to an open, honest and transparent process in a matter of critical public concern; and

WHEREAS, President Peevey's recent unilateral attempt to require mediation in the ongoing negotiations to determine sanctions for the tragedy and select a mediator without the consultation of all the parties is a violation of public trust and contrary to reasonable and ethical standards of governance; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the County of San Mateo, the City of San Bruno and the State of California have the right to expect and demand that the public agency responsible for oversight and regulation of public utilities in the state act in such a way to ensure public safety remains the first priority for any utility operating in California; and

WHEREAS, President Peevey has not adequately represented the interests of California residents who rely upon the CPUC to ensure public safety and provide independent regulation of utility companies in the state; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors call for the removal of Michael Peevey as President of the California Public Utilities Commission in order to increase public confidence in the CPUC's ability to serve and protect the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby joins Assembly member Jerry Hill and the residents of the City of San Bruno to call for the immediate removal of CPUC President Michael Peevey who has failed in his fundamental duty to protect the interest of the residents of the City of San Bruno, San Mateo County and of the State of California.