

**Official Message from the Queen Mother of the America's,
Nicole the Great**

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the murders of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming and James Byrd of Texas. We are proud to have signed an accord with the Matthew Shepard Foundation at the opening of Parliament.

Following is a communication from the Mother of Matthew Shepard:

Dear Members of the International Court System:

I would like to take a moment to say how honored I was to speak at your first session of Parliament. This historic event was the perfect opportunity for the Imperial Court System and the Matthew Shepard Foundation to enter into an Accord. The established history of your organization is to be honored and respected. You are each pioneers in your community and your work, passion and determination are greatly appreciated. The presentation of the title of "Her Most Royal Majesty, Queen Mother of the America' by Empress Nicole was a great honor and I am proud to be a part of your esteemed organization.

October 12 marked the 10th year remembrance of our son Matthew's murder. In the years since Dennis and I founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation in his memory, the Foundation has been at the forefront of the fight to replace hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance. During this period, the Foundation has:

- Helped the Matthew Shepard Act pass both the U.S. House and Senate
- Presented "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard" to over 1 million people
- Distributed 5,000 copies of our 'Small Bear, Big Dreams' education program free of charge
- Given out 200,000 + purple 'Erase Hate' wristbands
- Lead over 2,000 high school and college students in discussions about hate
- Engaged 5,000 + people in the 'Campaign to Erase Hate'

None of these things would have been possible without the support of our communities. Each of us is a vehicle for change and together we must make the commitment to make a difference.

Now, the Foundation looks to you, our partner, to help us as we look toward the next ten years. Together we can and will change the world. I have dedicated Andrew Tweedie, our Development Director, as the liaison between the Foundation and the Imperial Court System. Andrew has been actively involved with the Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire for

many years. He will be happy to assist you with any of your needs or questions. He can be reached at

Andrew@MatthewShepard.org or (303)830-7400 x14.

Our fight for equality is alive and well. I want to thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to a long partnership.

Thank you,
Judy Shepard
Executive Director