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Imperial Proclamation
Matthew Shepard Foundation Month: October 2009

Our community's GLBT Youth and students are coming out of the closets and boldly and proudly proclaiming that they are Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and transgender..... some even in JR high school/ middle school etc. Our GLBT youth and students are and it is our obligation to make sure they are safe and respected in their schools. But the facts are that incidents of bullying and harassment, attacks and yes beating of GLBT youth has risen sharply and hate crimes against our youth are growing.

Last year marked 10 years since the killing of Matthew Shepard. The parents of Matthew Shepard founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation in 1998 to create awareness of the challenges that GLBT youth face today. Specific goals include supporting diversity programs in education and helping youth organization establish environments where young people can feel safe and be themselves. The Shepard Foundation's overall objective is to educate and replace hate and ignorance with understanding and compassion.

Thus on the first day of the year 2009 I officially proclaim the month of October 2009 to be:

**MATTHEW SHEPARD FOUNDATION MONTH
IN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT SYSTEM
OF THE U.S.A., CANADA, AND MEXICO**

I call upon every court to hold a benefit fund-raising for the Matthew Shepard Foundation during the month of October 2009 and individually send in your court's check to the

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Matthew Shepard Foundation which is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Contributions made to the foundation are tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

The money raised by the Canadian Courts will be earmarked to youth awareness and work within Canadian schools or youth organizations.

Let us as a community as a International GLBT Organization as people take a stand for are youth that will make a difference..... I thank you for your support of this important International Court System 2009 fund-raising campaign....in memory of Matthew Shepard and all youth students who have been murdered just because of who they were.

For more information on the foundation please feel free to visit their website at www.matthewshepard.org

Signed by my hand Jan.1, 2009

Respectfully,

Nicole the Great

Queen Mother of the America's
U.S.A., Canada, and Mexico