

1 [Golden Gate Valley Branch Library Grand Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand reopening of the Golden Gate Valley Branch Library**  
4 **and commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard work and**  
5 **commitment to the City and County of San Francisco and its residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond  
8 measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for sixteen branches  
9 to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, three  
10 branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in  
11 Mission Bay; and,

12 WHEREAS, The BLIP has completed 22 out of 24 new or renovated library projects;  
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14 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Valley Branch Library has been fully remodeled and will  
15 celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm; and,

16 WHEREAS, Originally opened in 1918 and designed by Ernest Coxhead, the Golden  
17 Gate Valley Branch is a landmark Carnegie library and is now fully accessible, technologically  
18 updated and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the  
19 neighborhood for many more decades to come; and,

20 WHEREAS, The architecture team of Paulett Taggart Architects and Tom Eliot Fisch  
21 took great care to preserve the brick and terra cotta Beaux-Arts structure designed in the  
22 shape of a basilica, while bringing the facility into the 21st century in terms of energy  
23 conservation, accessibility to all users, and changes in library service; and,

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1           WHEREAS, The completed historic renovation includes a small addition with an  
2 elevator, seismic strengthening, restoration of the building's beautiful, ornate exterior terra  
3 cotta façade, and interior highlights such as new pendant light fixtures and refurbished  
4 original wood shelving; and,

5           WHEREAS, Additional highlights include new accessible restrooms, system upgrades,  
6 new furnishings, more computers, new designated teen area, updated children's section with  
7 an interactive learning area, a refreshed books and materials collection, ergonomically  
8 designed staff work areas, and the refurbishment of the downstairs community meeting room;  
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11           WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Valley Branch renovation is designed and built to silver  
12 certification standards or greater under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in  
13 Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and includes green features such an  
14 array of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof, a new energy efficient heating system, and  
15 efficient low-flow water faucets, and,

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17           WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch  
18 renovation by providing Bookmobile service on Green Street near Allyn Park and continuing  
19 weekly Toddler Tales at Sherman Elementary School; and,

20           WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public  
21 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works' Building Design and  
22 Construction Division, Fine Line Construction, Paulett Taggart Architects and Tom Eliot Fisch,  
23 Library Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the  
24 community who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood's  
25 needs; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the celebration of  
2 the rededication of the Golden Gate Valley Branch Library on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at  
3 1:00 pm at the branch, 1801 Green Street, and be it,

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco  
5 Public Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public  
6 Works, members of the surrounding neighborhood, and the entire team that made this project  
7 so successful for their dedication and hard work.

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