

1 [Commemorating Allen Ginsberg, HOWL, and the Beat Poets at the former Six Gallery.]

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3 **Resolution recognizing Allen Ginsberg and the first public full-length reading of the**
4 **poem HOWL as a significant event in the literary history of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Allen Ginsberg wrote and conducted the first full-length public reading of
7 HOWL at the Six Gallery at 3115 Fillmore Street in San Francisco on October 7, 1955; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ginsberg's vivid portrayal of the harsh realities of San Francisco in the
9 1950s defied the traditional concept of censorship in literature thus launching the world-wide
10 Beat Generation Literary Movement; and,

11 WHEREAS, the Six Gallery reading launched the careers of Mr. Ginsberg, Mr. Jack
12 Kerouac, Mr. Philip Lamantia, Mr. Michael McClure, Mr. Kenneth Rexroth, Mr. Gary Snyder,
13 and Mr. Philip Whalen; and,

14 WHEREAS, HOWL was published by Lawrence Ferlinghetti at the City Lights
15 Bookstore and has sold thousands of copies; and,

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier dedicated a plaque on October 7, 2005 at
17 the site of the former Six Gallery to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the first public full-
18 length reading of HOWL; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the site as
20 significant to the literary history of San Francisco; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
22 Department of Public Works installing the plaque dedicated by Supervisor Alioto-Pier on the
23 sidewalk fronting 3115 Fillmore Street, the former site of the Six Gallery.

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