

1 [Presidio Branch Library Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand reopening of the Presidio Branch Library and**
4 **commending the Public Library and its team for their hard work and commitment to**
5 **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,

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13 WHEREAS, The Presidio Branch Library has been fully remodeled and will celebrate
14 its grand reopening on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 1:00 pm; and,

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16 WHEREAS, Originally built in 1921, and designed by G. Albert Lansburgh, the Presidio
17 Branch is a landmark Carnegie library and is now fully accessible, technologically updated
18 and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the neighborhood
19 for many more decades to come; and,

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21 WHEREAS, The architecture team of Field Paoli and Joseph Chow & Associates, Inc.,
22 with historic consultation from Page & Turnbull, Inc., took great care to preserve the Italian-
23 Renaissance-style landmark building, while bringing the facility into the 21st century in terms
24 of energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and changes in library service; and,

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26 WHEREAS, The completed historic renovation includes a restoration of the building's
27 beautiful, ornate exterior terra cotta façade and stairs and interior highlights such as new
28 pendant light fixtures and refurbished original wood shelving; and,

1 WHEREAS, Additional highlights include new accessible restrooms, system upgrades,
2 new furnishings, more computers, new designated teen area, updated children's section with
3 an interactive learning area, a refreshed books and materials collection, ergonomically
4 designed staff work areas, and the refurbishment of the downstairs community meeting room;
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6 WHEREAS, The Presidio Branch renovation is designed and built to silver certification
7 standards or greater under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and
8 Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and include green features such as a new
9 energy efficient heating system, efficient low-flow water faucets, and a dedicated collection
10 area for recycling and compostable materials, and,
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12 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
13 renovation by providing Bookmobile service near the William L. Cobb Elementary School and
14 continuing storytimes at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
16 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works' Project Management Bureau
17 and Bureau of Construction Management, Roebuck Construction, Library Commissioners,
18 Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community who raised
19 funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood's needs; now, therefore, be it
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21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the celebration of
22 the rededication of the Presidio Branch Library on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 1:00 pm at
23 the branch, 3150 Sacramento Street near Baker, and be it,

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco
25 Public Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public

1 Works, members of the surrounding neighborhood, and the entire team that made this project
2 so successful for their dedication and hard work.

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