

1 [North Beach Branch Library Grand Opening - May 10, 2014]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand opening of the new North Beach Branch Library and**  
4 **commending the San Francisco Public Library, Department of Public Works, and**  
5 **members of the North Beach community for their hard work to bring the new branch to**  
6 **fruition.**

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

13 WHEREAS, The new North Beach Branch, which is the last of 24 libraries to be  
14 remodeled or rebuilt under the Branch Library Improvement Program, is seismically strong,  
15 sustainable and fully accessible, and 60 percent larger than the current North Beach Branch  
16 Library; and

17 WHEREAS, The 8,500 square-foot, two-story building includes a community room with  
18 after-hours access for neighborhood meetings; a larger children’s area and new teen space;  
19 additional public computers; new furniture and equipment; and an expanded collection of  
20 books, DVDs, and CDs, including more materials in multiple languages to meet the  
21 community’s needs, and

22 WHEREAS, The new library was part of a collaboration and master plan with the  
23 Recreation and Park Department’s Joe DiMaggio playground, which is currently being  
24 renovated as part of the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond; and

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1           WHEREAS, The branch has been designed to meet Leadership in Energy and  
2 Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification or greater by the U.S. Green Building Council  
3 and includes green features such as solar panels, operable windows for ventilation, low VOC  
4 and sustainable finishes, extensive natural lighting, and recycled construction materials; and

5           WHEREAS, World renowned artist Bill Fontana, under direction of the San Francisco  
6 Arts Commission, has created a unique public art feature – a sound sculpture around the  
7 exterior perimeter of the building, through which the sounds of North Beach will be broadcast  
8 through waterproof speakers titled *Sonic Dreamscape*; and

9           WHEREAS, Members of the North Beach community participated in numerous  
10 meetings and hearings to support the new branch and to ensure that its design was  
11 incorporated into an improved and expanded Joe DiMaggio Playground; and

12           WHEREAS, The new library has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public  
13 Library, San Francisco Public Works, Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects, CLW Builders, Inc.,  
14 Recreation and Park Department, City Attorney’s office, the Planning Department, Library  
15 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community  
16 who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s needs; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public  
19 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco Public Works,  
20 members of the North Beach community, and the entire team for their dedication and hard  
21 work; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the  
23 celebration of the dedication of the new North Beach Branch Library on Saturday, May 10 at  
24 1:00 pm at 850 Columbus Avenue.

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