

1 [Muni Heritage Month - September 2025]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 2025 as Muni Heritage Month in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco in recognition of the San Francisco Municipal Railway's enduring**
5 **legacy, cultural significance, and historical contributions to the city's identity and**
6 **transportation.**

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8 WHEREAS, For its 113 years of operation, the San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni)
9 has provided equitable transportation to generations of San Francisco residents, cementing
10 itself in the historical and cultural identity of the city; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 1, 1917, Muni launched its first bus route, pioneering motor
12 coach service in San Francisco as the first publicly owned and operated transit system in a
13 major American city; and

14 WHEREAS, Muni has long been a national leader in transit innovation, becoming one
15 of the first major American systems to operate a fleet of zero-emission trolley buses, an early
16 adopter of accessible transportation, and a system known for incorporating public art and
17 design into the commuting experience; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and its
19 workforce continue to deliver safe, sustainable, and accessible transit service, advancing
20 equity and climate goals while honoring the deep heritage of Muni's past; and

21 WHEREAS, Muni has long played a critical role in advancing civil rights and inclusion,
22 from hiring women operators during World War II to adopting LGBTQ+ inclusive workplace
23 policies and supporting fare equity programs; and

24 WHEREAS, SFMTA and the Market Street Railway's historic preservation efforts, such
25 as the operation of restored streetcars on the F Market & Wharves line and the maintenance

1 of the National Historic Landmark cable car system, serve as living reminders of the city's
2 transportation legacy; and

3 WHEREAS, On the weekend of September 21-22, 2025, the Market Street Railway, in
4 close collaboration with the SFMTA, will be hosting its yearly Muni Heritage Weekend in
5 celebration of San Francisco's historic and colorful streetcar, bus, and cable car fleets; and

6 WHEREAS, Honoring Muni's heritage is a recognition of the generations of operators,
7 mechanics, engineers, station agents, cleaners, dispatchers, policy advocates, and
8 community members who have shaped and sustained public transit in San Francisco for more
9 than a century; and

10 WHEREAS, Recognizing September as Muni Heritage Month honors the contributions
11 of the SFMTA and the Market Street Railway in preserving Muni's rich history and expresses
12 appreciation for over a century of dedicated public transportation service in San Francisco;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco declares the month of
15 September 2025 as Muni Heritage Month to celebrate the San Francisco Municipal Railway's
16 historic role in shaping the city's character, connecting its communities, and advancing public
17 service through transportation; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms the importance of
19 preserving San Francisco's transit history and honoring Muni's long history of contributions to
20 the city's development and identity.