[GRANT - FEDERAL FUNDS - VIA STATE]

AUTHORIZING THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND \$77,000 TO BE AWARDED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY, STATEWIDE ACCESS NEWS PROGRAM AS PART OF THE FEDERAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA). FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO DAILY NEWSPAPERS FOR SIGHT-IMPAIRED AND PRINT-IMPAIRED PEOPLE THROUGH A HIGH QUALITY VOICE SYNTHESIS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, The California State Library's Access News Project is dedicated to providing access to national, regional and local news publications to sight and print impaired people in libraries throughout the State, and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Library is a recognized state and national leader in providing services to patrons with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Library can extend a valuable service to sight impaired users by providing access to local daily and semi-weekly publications through high quality voice synthesis and touch tone telephone in the 415 area code, and

WHEREAS, Sight impaired and print impaired residents will be further empowered and better able to participate in the community dialog when they have equal access - 24 hours a day, seven days a week - to local news, current commentary and editorials, and

WHEREAS, The grant will also enable the Public Library to plan collaborative expansion of the San Francisco Access News Project to include other publications and Bay Area

Communities, and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library has a goal of providing free and equal access to knowledge tools-both traditional and electronic, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Public Library, be authorized to accept and expend \$77,000 awarded by the California State Library, Access News Project as part of the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), to provide a voice synthesis and touch tone phone access system for sight and print impaired patrons so they can have independent and convenient access to current local news and issues. and that indirect costs be waived as no indirect costs are included in this grant.

APPROVED:

Willie L. Brown, Mayor

Edward M. Harrington, Controller

Regina Minudri, City Librarian



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Resolution

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Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Public Library to accept and expend \$77,000 to be awarded by the California State Library, Statewide Access News Program as part of the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Funds will be used to provide access to daily newspapers for sight-impaired and print-impaired people through a high quality voice synthesis system.

May 3, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 2 - Bierman, Katz

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 3, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved