

1 [Merced Branch Library Grand Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the Grand Reopening of the Merced Branch Library and**
4 **commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard work and**
5 **commitment to 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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WHEREAS, The Merced Branch Library has been fully renovated and expanded and
will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, May 14th at 1:00 pm; and,

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WHEREAS, Originally opened in 1958 and designed by Appleton & Wolfard, this mid-
century modern gem is now seismically safe and fully accessible and has been transformed
into a state of the art library designed to serve the neighborhood for many more decades to
come; and,

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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bureau of Architecture took great care to preserve the
modernist characteristics of the single-story, ranch-style building while bringing the facility into
the 21st century in terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and
changes in library service; and,

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WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include a small addition, new accessible
restrooms, seismic upgrading, technological updating, new furnishings, new teen area, a
children's section doubled in size, a new fireside reading lounge, a refreshed books and
materials collection, and a beautifully landscaped outside patio; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Merced Branch renovation is designed and built to silver certification
2 standards or greater under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and
3 Environmental Design (LEED) rating system; and,

4 WHEREAS, Green features at the Merced Branch include renewable and
5 biodegradable cork flooring, a dedicated collection area for recycling and compostable
6 materials, extensive use of regional and rapidly renewable materials, efficient fixtures such as
7 low-flow faucets, windows that allow natural lighting to shine through, open for ventilation, and
8 are glazed to maximize the efficiency of the building’s heating system, and drought tolerant
9 plants; and,

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11 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
12 renovation by providing Bookmobile service close by at Buckingham Way near the
13 Stonestown movie theater and holding children’s storytimes at the Stonestown Family YMCA;
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15 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
16 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works’ Bureau of Architecture, Project
17 Management Bureau and Bureau of Construction Management, CLW Builders, Inc., Library
18 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community
19 who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s needs; now,
20 therefore, be it

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22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the celebration of
23 the rededication of the Merced Branch Library on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the
24 branch, 155 Winston Drive (at 19th Avenue) and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco
2 Public Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public
3 Works, members of the surrounding neighborhood, and the entire team that made this project
4 so successful for their dedication and hard work.

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