

1 [Cabrillo Playground Day - August 3, 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring August 3, 2013, Cabrillo Playground Day and celebrating the**
4 **grand opening of the new Cabrillo Playground and Clubhouse in the City and County of**
5 **San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Cabrillo Playground is a vital component of the Outer Richmond
8 community and the 1-acre parcel, nestled between residences bound by Cabrillo and Fulton
9 Streets and 38th and 39th Avenues, offers its visitors a clubhouse, an outdoor ping-pong table,
10 a tennis court, two basketball courts, a picnic area, and two children's play areas; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2008, as part of the \$185 million Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks
12 Bond, the voters of San Francisco allocated \$4.5 million to upgrade and improve the
13 playground and clubhouse at this community treasure; and

14 WHEREAS, The Friends of Cabrillo Playground is a non-profit, volunteer-driven, grass-
15 roots organization dedicated to the improvement, enjoyment, and safety of Cabrillo
16 Playground in the Outer Richmond neighborhood of San Francisco, specifically founded in
17 2007 by neighbors and users of the playground to support and advocate for Cabrillo
18 Playground and in recognition of the donations made toward the renovation the new
19 playground includes donor recognition tiles; and

20 WHEREAS, When the Cabrillo Playground was constructed in 1938 it became an
21 immediate neighborhood destination for residents of all ages in the Outer Richmond and
22 longtime residents recall many community activities over the years, which included doll
23 shows, holiday caroling and summer movie nights; and

24 WHEREAS, The Cabrillo Clubhouse and its twin at Fulton Playground were designed
25 in 1933 by William Gladstone Merchant, a renowned San Francisco architect that served as

1 the consulting architect for San Francisco Recreation Commission from the 1930's to the
2 1960's, and both clubhouses were designated historical resources by the San Francisco
3 Planning Department and both became the model and standard for neighborhood clubhouse
4 architecture in the 1930's, as an attractive, well arranged, yet compact building for community
5 and recreation functions, perfectly suited for small neighborhood parks with playgrounds; and

6 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Department in partnership with the Department
7 of Public Works, the San Francisco Parks Alliance, and the Friends of Cabrillo Playground
8 facilitated a strong community design process that includes an upgraded configuration of the
9 clubhouse restrooms and kitchen for accessibility and functional use, a new roof and
10 restoration of historical finished, windows, and doors, as well as, Americans with Disabilities
11 Act (ADA) accessible improvements to the entrances at 38th and 39th Avenues, centralized
12 lawn area for passive recreation and social activities, complete resurfacing of tennis and
13 basketball courts, and upgrades to infrastructure and park landscaping; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco celebrates the opening of the
15 new Cabrillo Playground and Clubhouse on August 3, 2013; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the
17 San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the Friends of Cabrillo Playground, the San
18 Francisco Parks Alliance, and all of the donors and community members that made this
19 project so successful for their dedication and hard work to create an invaluable community
20 asset for bringing families together and strengthening community ties in San Francisco.

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