

1 [Commending the organizers of the second annual Poem Under the Dome]

2 **Resolution commending the organizers of the second annual Poem Under the Dome poetry open**
3 **mic event in City Hall.**
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5 WHEREAS, On April 30th 2007, the second annual Poem Under the Dome, a poetry open mic
6 event, will take place in San Francisco's City Hall; and
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8 WHEREAS, April is National Poetry Month, inaugurated in 1996 to bring together poets,
9 students, libraries, publishers, literary organizations, to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American
10 culture; and

11 WHEREAS, Poem Under the Dome will be hosted by Diamond Dave Whitaker, a San
12 Francisco legend since 1957, who urges us all to cast a wide net, find the common thread, let light
13 flourish; don't panic, just keep it organic; and

14 WHEREAS, Open mic poetry readings, which invite everyone to participate without
15 compunction, regardless of their reputation, connections, sophistication, or punctuation, are a San
16 Francisco tradition that goes back to the Fifties when the poets of the Beat Generation reestablished
17 poetry as a vital art form of the people; and

18 WHEREAS, Poem Under the Dome as a free poetry event open to all participants, embodies
19 such San Francisco values as appreciation for the literary arts and commitment to democratic
20 principles; and

21 WHEREAS, In our digital age where poetry and the written word are often overshadowed by
22 television, movies, and video games, it is important to remember the directness and simplicity of
23 poetry; and
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1 WHEREAS, Poem Under the Dome is sponsored by the San Francisco Public Library, the
2 Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's office, Brainwash Café, Gonzalez & Leigh LLP, New College,
3 Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, Poetry Flash, and the Beat Museum; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and Country of San Francisco hereby
5 commends the organizers of the first annual Poem Under the Dome for bringing a free open mic poetry
6 event under the dome of San Francisco's City Hall.

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