

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,

12 WHEREAS, The Merced Branch Library has been fully renovated and expanded and  
13 will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm; and,

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include a small addition, new accessible  
23 restrooms, seismic upgrading, technological updating, new furnishings, new teen area, a  
24 children's section doubled in size, a new fireside reading lounge, a refreshed books and  
25 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;  
14 and,

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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May 10, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/10/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

RETURNED UNSIGNED

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Mayor Edwin Lee

MAY 20, 2011

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Date Approved

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo  
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