

1 [Pokémon Spring Celebration Day - April 13, 2024]

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3 **Resolution declaring Saturday, April 13, 2024, as Pokémon Spring Celebration Day in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco, encouraging the public to visit their local**  
5 **libraries to check out Pokémon books, and make a friend through the Pokémon mobile**  
6 **games, console games, or trading card games.**

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8 WHEREAS, Pokémon, also known as Pocket Monsters, a global phenomenon for  
9 people of all ages and ethnicities, is based on a Japanese media franchise consisting of video  
10 games, animated series and films, a trading card game, mobile games, books, toys, and other  
11 related media; and

12 WHEREAS, Pokémon was created by Satoshi Tajiri and originated as an electronic  
13 games series from Nintendo that debuted in Japan on February 27, 1996, with Pokémon  
14 Green and Pokémon Red, which was later released in the United States in 1998 on the  
15 Gameboy console as Pokémon Red and Pokémon Blue; and

16 WHEREAS, In the games, players assume the role of Pokémon trainers, collecting  
17 cartoon monsters with the famous catchphrase “Gotta Catch ‘Em All!” to complete their  
18 Pokédex, a library index for all 1025 species of Pokémon, and forming a small team to battle  
19 other Pokémon trainers both in game and peer-to-peer battles to become a Pokémon Master  
20 while battling the antagonists of the game Team Rocket who exploit Pokémon for profit; and

21 WHEREAS, There are 19 different types of Pokémon including Bug, Dark, Dragon,  
22 Electric, Fairy, Fighting, Fire, Flying, Ghost, Grass, Ground, Ice, Normal, Poison, Psychic,  
23 Rock, Steel, Water, and Stellar; and

24 WHEREAS, To date, there have been 23 *Magmar*-nificent theatrical Pokémon movies  
25 and three movie-length special episodes, more than *Glameow*-rous 1,269 Pokémon anime

1 series episodes, 122 games, over 30 billion Pokémon cards have been sold, and over 88  
2 billion Pokémon have been caught on Pokémon GO across the world; and

3 WHEREAS, *Pikachu*, No. 25 in the Pokédex, a yellow mouselike creature, is the  
4 undisputed face of Pokémon and helped electrify the series to become a worldwide  
5 phenomenon; and

6 WHEREAS, It is not *Farfetch'd* that Pokémon has spanned across multiple generations  
7 of youth and is still part of popular culture 28 years after its initial release; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pokémon world emphasizes friendship and teamwork to overcome  
9 challenges and build community; and

10 WHEREAS, As Ash Ketchum, known as Satoshi, says, “I Choose You!” when calling  
11 out his Pokémon, the Board of Supervisors says, “We Choose Pokémon Spring Celebration  
12 Day in San Francisco!”; and

13 WHEREAS, In partnership with the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco first  
14 celebrated Pokémon Day on February 27, 2022, at the Richmond/Senator Milton Marks  
15 Branch Library and Parkside Branch Library with activities such as button making, coloring,  
16 book giveaways, opportunities for kids and enthusiasts to connect through the trading card  
17 game as well as the mobile application game, Pokémon GO; and

18 WHEREAS, Pokémon Day has also been *Celebi*-ated throughout various San  
19 Francisco Public Library Branches including at Potrero Hill Branch Library, Merced Branch  
20 Library, Visitacion Valley Branch Library in 2022 and 2023; and

21 WHEREAS, This year, in partnership with the San Francisco Public Library, Pokémon  
22 Spring Celebration Day will be on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Main Library,  
23 Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, Park Branch Library, and Ocean View  
24 Branch Library; and each location will have *Abso/*utely amazing book giveaways and fun  
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1 activities for people of all ages and all background, which also coincides with a Pokémon in  
2 game event on Pokémon GO; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares, Saturday, April 13, 2024,  
4 as Pokémon Spring Celebration Day in the City and County of San Francisco to celebrate  
5 fans of Pokémon, encourages the public to visit their local libraries to check out Pokémon  
6 books, and make a friend through the Pokémon mobile games, console games, or trading  
7 card games; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hopes this upcoming Pokémon  
9 Spring Celebration will be platinum, a *Mew* sing, and those *Seaking* community may connect,  
10 take a *Chansey* to build friendships, and have a *Karrablast*; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors looks forward to  
12 future Pokémon events in collaboration with the San Francisco Public Library throughout the  
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