

1 [Bernal Heights Branch Library Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the Grand Reopening of the Bernal Heights 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 Bernal Heights Branch Library has been fully renovated and will
13 celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 1:00 pm; and,

14 WHEREAS, Originally built in 1940, this WPA era gem is now seismically safe and fully
15 accessible and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the
16 neighborhood for many more decades to come; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bureau of Architecture took great care to preserve and
18 restore the historic features of this two-story building while bringing the facility into the 21st
19 century in terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and
20 changes in library service; and,

21 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include an expanded children’s area, new
22 accessible restrooms, seismic upgrading, technological updating, new and restored
23 furnishings, new elevator and grand staircase, restored woodwork and ceilings, period
24 lighting, new teen area, an updated books and materials collection, a beautifully designed
25 accessible entry, and a program room with built-in media equipment ; and

1 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
2 renovation with the help of the Red Hill Books which hosted twice weekly children’s storytimes
3 and the Coleridge Park Homes which hosted the adult book club and by providing
4 Bookmobile service in front of the Junipero Serra Elementary School; and,

5 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
6 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Division of Project Management,
7 Bureau of Architecture and Bureau of Construction Management, CDX Builders, Inc.; Library
8 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community
9 who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s needs; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public
12 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,
13 members of the Bernal Heights community, and the entire team that made this project so
14 successful for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
16 celebration of the re-dedication of the Bernal Heights Branch Library on Saturday, January
17 30, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the branch, 500 Cortland near Andover.
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