

1 [Park Branch Library Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand reopening of the Park 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 Park Branch Library has been fully remodeled and will celebrate its
13 grand reopening on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 1:00 pm; and

14 WHEREAS, Originally built in 1909 and designed by the McDougall Brothers, the Park
15 Branch is the oldest library in San Francisco and is now fully accessible, technologically
16 updated and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the
17 neighborhood for many more decades to come; and

18 WHEREAS, The architecture team of Field Paoli and Joseph Chow & Associates, Inc.,
19 with historic consultation from Page & Turnbull, Inc., took great care to preserve the two-story
20 neoclassical brick and terracotta library building while bringing the facility into the 21st century
21 in terms of energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and changes in library service; and

22 WHEREAS, The sensitive restoration included new pendant ceiling light fixtures,
23 refinished historic tables and chairs, refurbished windows, refinished wood perimeter
24 shelving, and a newly painted ceiling in the Main Reading Room; and

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1 WHEREAS, Additional highlights include new accessible restrooms, system upgrades,
2 new furnishings, more computers, new teen area, revamped program area, updated
3 children’s section, a refreshed books and materials collection, and ergonomically designed
4 staff work areas; and

5 WHEREAS, The Park Branch renovation is designed and built to silver certification
6 standards or greater under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and
7 Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and include green features such as a new
8 energy efficient heating system, efficient low-flow water faucets, a dedicated collection area
9 for recycling and compostable materials, and refinished furniture; and

10 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
11 renovation by providing Bookmobile service on Stanyan Street and continuing story times at
12 the Park Police Station and the Ernest Ingold Clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Club; and

13 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
14 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works’ Project Management Bureau
15 and Bureau of Construction Management, Roebuck Construction, Library Commissioners,
16 Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community who raised
17 funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s needs; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the celebration of
19 the rededication of the Park Branch Library on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 1:00 pm at
20 the branch, 1833 Page Street (at Cole Street); and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco
22 Public Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public
23 Works, members of the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood, and the entire team that made this
24 project so successful for their dedication and hard work.

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