

1 [Urging the Establishment of Fair and Effective Guidelines for Beach Fires at Ocean Beach]

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3 **Resolution urging the establishment of fair and effective guidelines for beach fires at**
4 **Ocean Beach that protect the public’s access to recreational activities and support**
5 **environmental protection.**

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7 WHEREAS, For generations, beach fires held at Ocean Beach have offered affordable
8 and unique recreational opportunity for individuals and families throughout San Francisco and
9 Northern California; and

10 WHEREAS, Ocean Beach is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS)
11 as a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and plays a critical role in San
12 Francisco’s recreational system; and

13 WHEREAS, Historical records show beach fires at Ocean Beach dating at least as far
14 back as 1890; and

15 WHEREAS, The NPS has a responsibility to listen to and work in partnership with of
16 San Franciscans and others who frequent and appreciate Ocean Beach; and

17 WHEREAS, In the spirit of shared responsibility for Ocean Beach’s welfare, the City
18 and County of San Francisco allocated \$50,000 to the Recreation and Parks Department
19 (RPD) in fiscal year 2014-2015 to conduct a robust outreach and education campaign to
20 ensure compliance with regulations; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2014, the NPS piloted new regulations to mitigate the impact of the
22 beach fires at Ocean Beach and will use the data collected to inform new guidelines; and

23 WHEREAS, While regulations should aide in Ocean Beach’s environmental protection,
24 they must also protect the public’s access to recreational activities they have long appreciated
25 and enjoyed; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the National Park
2 Service to establish fair and effective guidelines for beach fires at Ocean Beach that maintain
3 the level of affordability and access San Franciscans are acclimated to; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, Honoring the shared responsibility for safety and maintenance
5 at Ocean Beach between residents, community organizations, the NPS, and local
6 government, the City and County of San Francisco is committed to working with the NPS to
7 protect the environment and providing access to recreational activities at Ocean Beach.

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