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2 co-located Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library and Museum and Archives of
3 the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Historical Society]

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5 **possible co-located Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library and Museum**
6 **and Archives of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Historical Society.**
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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT)
9 Historical Society maintains one of the world's largest collection of professionally archived
10 materials on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender history in the world; and
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12 WHEREAS, The Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library is currently
13 planned for a \$4.3 million renovation as part of the City's Branch Library Renovation Bond
14 program; and

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library, including the James Hormel Center of
16 the Main Library, and the GLBT Historical Society have worked collaboratively for many years
17 to increase public access to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender historical materials; and

18 WHEREAS, The GLBT Historical Society has considerable local, national and
19 international recognition and prestige while facing uncertainties as a non-profit organization of
20 limited financial means and with respect to its long-term location within San Francisco; and

21 WHEREAS, the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library is a 5,600 square
22 foot, one-story facility on a 19,000 square foot site that has experienced ongoing public safety
23 problems in the neighborhood due to its design; and

24 WHEREAS, The possibility may exist to replace the existing building with a joint facility
25 providing an improved branch library and the world's first GLBT Research Center

1 incorporating an expanded GLBT collection in the library and joined cooperatively with the
2 Museum of GLBT History with the Archives, Collection and Research Center of the GLBT
3 Historical Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Such a cooperative venture would increase public access to gay, lesbian,
5 bisexual and transgender historical materials and greatly increase the cultural attractiveness
6 of the Castro neighborhood and the City of San Francisco for residents and visitors; and

7 WHEREAS, on September 30, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Gay, Lesbian,
8 Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society voted unanimously to endorse discussions with the
9 San Francisco Public Library and other City Departments to develop a formal plan of action
10 for a cooperative venture at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library; and

11 WHEREAS, It is important to expeditiously consider options and develop a formal plan
12 for consideration by the community, neighborhood, and all parties so as not to delay the
13 renovation of the Eureka Valley Branch Library, should a viable plan and necessary additional
14 resources not be identified or developed; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that the San
16 Francisco Public Library and other relevant City Departments, including the City Attorney,
17 Department of Real Estate, Department of Public Works and Planning Department, among
18 others, work with the Board of Directors of the GLBT Historical Society to pursue the
19 development of options for a formal plan of action outlining issues attendant to a co-located
20 Branch Library and Historical Society Museum at the current site of the Eureka Valley Harvey
21 Milk Memorial Library; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges City Departments to
23 engage neighborhood and community stakeholders, including the Eureka Valley Promotion
24 Association (EVPA), Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC), Castro Area Planning
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1 + Action (CAPA), and the San Francisco LGBT Center, among others, in a public process to
2 understand neighborhood and community concerns; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges that a plan
4 evaluating the possibilities for this jointly located Branch Library and GLBT Historical
5 Museum, Archives and Research Center be considered by the San Francisco Library
6 Commission in January, 2005 so as not to delay the Eureka Valley Branch renovation in the
7 event this plan is not possible.

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