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[Support of the Internet Archive]

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3	Resolution recognizing the irreplaceable public value of libraries, including online
4	libraries like the Internet Archive, and the essential rights of all libraries to own,
5	preserve, and lend both digital and print books to the residents of San Francisco and
6	the wider public; supporting the Internet Archive and its public service mission; and
7	urging the California State Legislature and the United States Congress to support
8	digital rights for libraries, including controlled digital lending and the option for
9	libraries to own their digital collections.
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11	WHEREAS, The Internet Archive is a non-profit research library that preserves Internet sites
12	and other cultural artifacts, providing free access to researchers, historians, scholars, people
13	with print disabilities, and the general public; and
14	WHEREAS, Today, the Internet Archive has more than 26 years of archived web

WHEREAS, The Internet Archive provides digital books through its controlled digital lending program where a library owns a book, scans it digitally, and loans the digital copy one

all available to the public with a free library account; and

WHEREAS, Authors, researchers, journalists, and other creators benefit from digital access to library collections, including the Internet Archive's books, because libraries keep books available beyond their commercial life and provide access to older, difficult to find materials that provide the building blocks for new creative works; and

history, 735 billion web pages, 41 million books and texts, and 14.7 million audio recordings,

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user at a time; and

1	WHEREAS, The Internet Archive provides access to and preserves books that the
2	public might not otherwise be able to access, either due to book bans, physical obstacles, or
3	geographic or licensing unavailability; and
4	WHEREAS, The Internet Archive contains many books that have been banned from
5	libraries across the country, and attempts to ban books has nearly doubled across the nation,
6	reaching the highest point ever recorded in 2022; and
7	WHEREAS, Digital libraries are necessary to protect democratized access to
8	information, knowledge, and truth; and
9	WHEREAS, The Internet Archive has a critical role in providing open, non-
10	discriminatory access to books, music, videos, and the history of the web; now, therefore, be it
11	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
12	recognizes the irreplaceable public value of libraries, including online libraries like the Internet
13	Archive, and the essential rights of all libraries to own, preserve, and lend both digital and
14	print books to the residents of San Francisco and the wider public; and, be it
15	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commits to supporting the
16	Internet Archive and its public service mission; and, be it
17	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Legislature of the
18	State of California and the United States Congress to support digital rights for libraries,
19	including controlled digital lending and the option for libraries to own their digital collections;
20	and, be it
21	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to
22	Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Member Matt Haney, Assembly Member Phil Ting, Senator
23	Alex Padilla, Senator Diane Feinstein and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi.
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## **Introduction Form**

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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