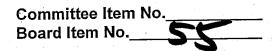
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5.

Resolution declaring San Francisco a summer learning city, urging relevant City

Departments to coordinate and collaborate with youth and educational nongovernmental organizations and designating June 21, 2011, as Summer Learning Day
in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Summer has the potential to be an exciting and engaging time for children and youth to develop new skills and expand their horizons, cultivate their creativity, and develop their intellectual capacities; and

WHEREAS, There is a huge disparity between the summer opportunities of low income children and middle and high income children in San Francisco and throughout the country; and,

WHEREAS, According to the National Summer Learning Association, the country's leading experts on summer learning, a phenomenon called "summer learning loss" results in a significant loss of academic skills between the end of the school year and the beginning of the next when children do not engage in learning activities during the summer; and,

WHEREAS, Research over the last 100 years shows that summer learning loss is much greater for low income children than their peers, and that by 9th grade, the achievement gap between lower and higher income youth can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities, and as a result low-income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college; and,

WHEREAS, Parents consistently cite summer as the most difficult time to ensure that their children have productive things to do; and,

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WHEREAS, San Francisco can be a particularly exciting and rewarding place for children to experience new opportunities and learn new skills – because of its wealth of cultural and educational institutions, its wide range of community based organizations and city-run recreation centers, its interesting and diverse neighborhoods, its physical beauty and its outdoor parks and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has many exemplary summer programs and strategies in place to make summer a learning opportunity for children, including programs funded by the Department of children, Youth and Families ("DCYF"), expanded summer camp programs through the Recreation and Parks Department, academic enrichment programs run through the San Francisco Unified School District ("SFUSD") and through community organizations such as Aim High, summer programs at many cultural institutions such as the de Young Museum, and more; and,

WHEREAS, Over 75 San Francisco organizations have joined the Summer Learning Network organized by New Day for Learning, and have signed on to a Summer Learning Countdown for children with:

- 5 days a week of active play,
- 4 new places to visit,
- 3 fresh fruits and veggies daily,
- 2 summer learning projects,
- 1 quality book-reading session each day, and
- 0 soda;

and that this countdown reflects the Network's collective aspirations of ensuring that every child have a memorable and rewarding summer; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is poised to continue to address the summer learning disparity in new and exciting ways and become a national leader as a city committed to erasing the summer learning achievement gap; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby declares itself to be a Summer Learning City; and, in order to enhance its ability to promote summer learning for all its children, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That public and private organizations and relevant city agencies including Recreation and Parks, Public Library, DCYF, Department of the Environment, Department of Public Health, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Housing Authority, the SFUSD and others are urged to work together, in collaboration with the Summer Learning Network, to plan for a learning-oriented summer using the Summer Learning Countdown as a framework for planning; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That City departments and institutions funded by the city, to the extent fiscally and programmatically possible, contribute resources and expertise to enhance the summer as a learning experience for children by providing free group MUNI passes and free institutional admission to groups of children in summer learning programs, and offering professional staff development opportunities for programs throughout the city for the coming year; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That City departments and institutions funded by the city prioritize summer learning opportunities in their programmatic planning for future years thereby institutionalizing programs as envisioned by the Summer Learning Network; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That DCYF, SFUSD and SFkids.org are encouraged to continue their outreach to parents about summertime opportunities for children; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That June 21st is hereby designated as Summer Learning Day in San Francisco and that subsequent Summer Learning Days be designated and

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celebrated in conjunction with the National Summer Learning Day, and that groups throughout the city be encouraged to participate and introduce children to summer learning opportunities.

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