

1 [Stephen T. Mather Day - July 4, 2017]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Stephen T. Mather, the first director of**  
4 **the National Park Service and the namesake of San Francisco’s family recreation**  
5 **camp, on his 150th birthday, and declaring July 4, 2017, as Stephen T. Mather Day in**  
6 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Stephen T. Mather was born on July 4, 1867, in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, He graduated from Boys (Lowell) High School and UC Berkeley; and

10 WHEREAS, He was appointed the first director of the National Park Service a century  
11 ago this year; and

12 WHEREAS, He laid the foundation of the National Park Service, defining and  
13 establishing the policies under which its areas shall be developed and conserved unimpaired  
14 for future generations; and

15 WHEREAS, He donated his time, energy, and his own finances to bettering the  
16 national park experience; and

17 WHEREAS, He recognized the value of the Sierra and “how it brings relief to the  
18 worried soul”; and

19 WHEREAS, He personally was responsible for setting aside 11 national parks and 18  
20 national monuments, including the Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, the Grand Tetons, Denali,  
21 and Lassen; and

22 WHEREAS, He made it possible for millions of Americans to visit and enjoy our  
23 national parks; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s family recreation camp was named in his honor, and his  
25 legacy is part of Camp Mather; now, therefore, be it;

1           RESOLVED, That, out of respect for his accomplishments, for historical accuracy, and  
2 to clear up any possible confusion over the pronunciation of his name, the Board of  
3 Supervisors of the City & County of San Francisco hereby notes that the correct  
4 pronunciation is “Math-er” (like rather); and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City & County of San Francisco honors Stephen  
6 T. Mather on the 150th anniversary of his birth and for all the good that he did; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City & County of San Francisco commends  
8 Stephen T. Mather for his stewardship of our national parks; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares  
10 July 4, 2017 to be Stephen T. Mather Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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