

1 [Sunset Branch Library Centennial Celebration]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the 100-year anniversary of the Sunset Branch Library and**
4 **acknowledging the Centennial Celebration on Saturday, April 7, 2018.**
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6 WHEREAS, The Sunset Branch Library, located at 1305 18th Avenue, first opened on
7 March 25, 1918; and

8 WHEREAS, As its eighth neighborhood branch library, San Francisco created a fine
9 classical building, its design and architectural decorations embodying the hopeful intent of a
10 city eagerly rising again, only a dozen years after being reduced to smoldering ruins - as a
11 home for culture, learning and advancement; and

12 WHEREAS, The Sunset Branch Library, designed by architect G. Albert Lansburgh,
13 was one of seven branch libraries in San Francisco built with funding from industrialist and
14 philanthropist Andrew Carnegie; and

15 WHEREAS, The Sunset Branch Library was officially designated a San Francisco
16 Landmark in 2004, commemorating the building's exterior composition and materials, the
17 volume of the main reading room, the ornamental ceiling and its Italianate design; and

18 WHEREAS, Under the Branch Library Improvement Program, the building underwent
19 renovation which resulted in a revamped children's area, a distinct teen area, new program
20 room, improved flooring and lighting, new public restrooms, an after-hours book drop, more
21 computers, free WiFi, a new roof, better staff work areas, and new furniture, shelving and
22 materials displays; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Sunset Branch Library continues to serve the community by holding
24 numerous programs for adults, children and teens including films, author talks, storytimes,
25 performances, book groups and more; offering materials in Chinese and Russian; providing

1 free online access to movies, newspapers, magazines, data bases, eBooks and music; and
2 by making computers and Wifi accessible to all; and

3 WHEREAS, The Centennial Celebration will include a performance by the Flying
4 Angels Dance Company, shenanigans with Boswick the clown, a smoothie bicycle, chutney
5 making and tasting, a children's book reading by local author Emma Smith, a Sunset District
6 history program by Woody LaBounty, Lorri Ungaretti and the Western Neighborhoods Project,
7 a raffle for gift cards from local businesses, button making, and more; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the 100 years of service that
9 the Sunset Branch Library has provided to San Francisco; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
11 Centennial Celebration on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the branch, 1305 18th Avenue at Irving
12 Street.