[Resolution encouraging development of a plan and community engagement for a possible co-located Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library and Museum and Archives of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Historical Society]

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WHEREAS, San Francisco's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Historical Society maintains one of the world's largest collection of professionally archived materials on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender history in the world; and

WHEREAS, The Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library is currently planned for a $4.3 million renovation as part of the City's Branch Library Renovation Bond program; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges City Departments to
engage neighborhood and community stakeholders, including the Eureka Valley Promotion
Association (EVPA), Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC), Castro Area Planning

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+ Action (CAPA), and the San Francisco LGBT Center, among others, in a public process to
understand neighborhood and community concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges that a plan
evaluating the possibilities for this jointly located Branch Library and GLBT Historical
Museum, Archives and Research Center be considered by the San Francisco Library
Commission in January, 2005 so as not to delay the Eureka Valley Branch renovation in the
event this plan is not possible.
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November 2, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 2, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom