

1 [Howl Week.]
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3 **Resolution declaring the week of October 2-9 Howl Week in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first reading of Allen Ginsberg's**
5 **classic American poem about the Beat Generation.**
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7 WHEREAS, Allen Ginsberg wrote Howl in San Francisco, 50 years ago in 1955; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ginsberg read Howl for the first time at the Six Gallery on Fillmore
9 Street in San Francisco on October 7, 1955; and

10 WHEREAS, The Six Gallery reading marked the birth of the Beat Generation and the
11 start not only of Mr. Ginsberg's career, but also of the poetry careers of Michael McClure,
12 Gary Snyder, Jack Kerouac, Philip Whalen ; and
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14 WHEREAS, Howl was published by Lawrence Ferlinghetti at City Lights and has sold
15 nearly one million copies in the Pocket Poets Series; and

16 WHEREAS, Howl rejuvenated American poetry and marked the start of an American
17 Cultural Revolution; and

18 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is proud to call Allen Ginsberg one
19 of its most beloved poets and Howl one of its signature poems; and,

20 WHEREAS, October 7, 2005 will mark the 50th anniversary of the first reading of
21 HOWL; and

22 WHEREAS, Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier will dedicate a plaque on October 7, 2005
23 at the site of Six Gallery; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares the week of
2 October 2-9 Howl Week to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this classic of 20th century
3 American literature.
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September 27, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 27, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

9/30/05

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom