Resolution recognizing the grand opening of the new North Beach Branch Library and commending the San Francisco Public Library, Department of Public Works, and members of the North Beach community for their hard work to bring the new branch to fruition.

WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program, funded by the bond measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, called for sixteen branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, three branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in Mission Bay; and,

WHEREAS, The new North Beach Branch, which is the last of 24 libraries to be remodeled or rebuilt under the Branch Library Improvement Program, is seismically strong, sustainable and fully accessible, and 60 percent larger than the current North Beach Branch Library; and

WHEREAS, The 8,500 square-foot, two-story building includes a community room with after-hours access for neighborhood meetings; a larger children's area and new teen space; additional public computers; new furniture and equipment; and an expanded collection of books, DVDs, and CDs, including more materials in multiple languages to meet the community’s needs, and

WHEREAS, The new library was part of a collaboration and master plan with the Recreation and Park Department's Joe DiMaggio playground, which is currently being renovated as part of the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond; and
WHEREAS, The branch has been designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification or greater by the U.S. Green Building Council and includes green features such as solar panels, operable windows for ventilation, low VOC and sustainable finishes, extensive natural lighting, and recycled construction materials; and

WHEREAS, World renowned artist Bill Fontana, under direction of the San Francisco Arts Commission, has created a unique public art feature – a sound sculpture around the exterior perimeter of the building, through which the sounds of North Beach will be broadcast through waterproof speakers titled Sonic Dreamscape; and

WHEREAS, Members of the North Beach community participated in numerous meetings and hearings to support the new branch and to ensure that its design was incorporated into an improved and expanded Joe DiMaggio Playground; and

WHEREAS, The new library has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco Public Works, Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects, CLW Builders, Inc., Recreation and Park Department, City Attorney’s office, the Planning Department, Library Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco Public Works, members of the North Beach community, and the entire team for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the celebration of the dedication of the new North Beach Branch Library on Saturday, May 10 at 1:00 pm at 850 Columbus Avenue.
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May 06, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 140457

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/6/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor

5/14/14

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board