

1 [Recognizing San Francisco's Camp Mather and Commending Those Who Helped Save it  
2 from the Rim Fire of 2013]

3 **Resolution recognizing the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of San Francisco's Camp Mather, and**  
4 **commending those who helped save Camp Mather, located in the Stanislaus National**  
5 **Forest, from the devastating Rim Fire of August 17, 2013, through October 25, 2013.**

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7 WHEREAS, On July 5, 2014, Camp Mather celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 90  
8 years of service to San Francisco residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Camp Mather lies within an important ecosystem of Yosemite National  
10 Park and Stanislaus National Forest, and for 90 years has been a much-beloved family camp  
11 and retreat for San Francisco residents, serving over 1500 families a year; and

12 WHEREAS, Camp Mather stands on the site of Ike Dye's Hog Ranch, and later, a  
13 sawmill that provided wood for the construction of the Hetch Hetchy Dam, completed in 1923;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Named after Stephen T. Mather, first head of the National Parks Service,  
16 the original camp housed workers for the Dam construction project; and

17 WHEREAS, After the completion of the Dam, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
18 converted this 329-acre plot of land into a summer family camp, which opened to San  
19 Francisco residents on July 5, 1924; and

20 WHEREAS, Since 1924, Camp Mather has been an affordable and cherished retreat  
21 from city life, offering cabins, a communal dining room, hiking, swimming, lake-side activities,  
22 and sports for San Francisco children and adults, within a setting of firs, soaring lodgepole  
23 pines, streams, and native flora and fauna; and

1           WHEREAS, There was a devastating forest fire in Yosemite National Park and  
2 Stanislaus National Forest between August 17 and October 25, 2013, that destroyed 260,000  
3 acres or 406 square miles of land; and

4           WHEREAS, On August 17, 2013, the fire was started by an illegal campfire set by a  
5 bow and arrow hunter. It started on the Clavey River just one and half miles from its junction  
6 with the Tuolumne River, about 20 miles west of Camp Mather; and

7           WHEREAS, The fire is considered the largest fire in Sierra Nevada history and the third  
8 largest in California. The fire was contained by October 25, 2013, at a suppression cost of  
9 \$127,000,000 or \$1,800,000 a day. The fire has had a devastating effect on wildlife, plants,  
10 and trees in a landscape that holds our California and National histories; and

11           WHEREAS, In the midst of this disaster, Camp Mather and Hog Ranch were saved by  
12 diverting the fires through "back fires" and aggressive firefighting; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to the California State firefighters, many City staff worked  
14 diligently and under extremely difficult and stressful conditions to save Camp Mather, and  
15 make it a staging area to continue fighting the Rim Fire until its successful suppression; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates Camp Mather's  
18 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and congratulates the past and present staff members of Camp Mather for  
19 their years of service; and, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the residents of San Francisco  
21 commend and appreciate the work of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department  
22 staffers including Camp Mather Manager Michael Cunnane, Caretaker Paul Spring, Assistant  
23 Manager Lawrence R. McNesby, Jr., Stationary Engineers John Ascariz and Neal Hemming,  
24 Truck Driver Mark Buckman, Director of Operations, Dennis Kern, Superintendent of  
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1 Neighborhood Services Bob Palacio, and Recreation Manager Jim Wheeler for their work in  
2 fire management and the restoration of Camp Mather; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the residents of San  
4 Francisco commend and appreciate the work of the San Francisco Fire Department staffers  
5 including Assistant Chief Tom Siragusa, Battalion Chief Bryan Rubenstein, Battalion Chief  
6 John Hickey, Assistant Chief Dave Franklin, paramedic/firefighter Ron Johansen, and  
7 Assistant Strike Team Leader Ronald Pruy; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the residents of San  
9 Francisco commend and appreciate the work of San Francisco Recreation and Parks  
10 Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg and Public Utilities Deputy General Manager  
11 Michael Carlin who also played key roles in coordinating support to suppress the fire.



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**Resolution**

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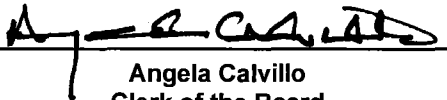
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

September 16, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 9/16/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

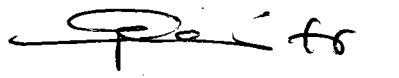
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Unsigned

Mayor

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9/26/14

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.



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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board