

1 [Commending San Francisco Public Library Youth Development Coordinator, Mary Abler]

2 **Resolution commending San Francisco Public Library Youth Development Coordinator, Mary**  
3 **Abler, for her years of service to the youth of San Francisco**

4 WHEREAS, Mary Abler’s affiliation with San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) began in 2007  
5 when she joined Friends of the San Francisco Public Library as a Neighborhood Library Campaign  
6 Manager; and

7 WHEREAS, While working in this capacity, she was an advocate for fundraising to support the  
8 Library Branch Renovation Program; and

9 WHEREAS, She became a SFPL librarian in 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, during her work at the library, Mary has mentored countless teens by giving them  
11 her full attention and kindness while having high expectations and confidence in their potential for  
12 success; and

13 WHEREAS, After serving two years in a librarian leadership program at Los Angeles Public  
14 Library she returned to SFPL as a Teen Librarian for The Mix at SFPL in May of 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, She played a paramount role in launching the new Teen Center (The Mix at  
16 SFPL); and

17 WHEREAS, She helped create and assist in the development of The Mix’s Board of Advising  
18 Youth that helped design the space, launch Summer 2017 Teen Volunteer Pilot, increase development  
19 opportunities throughout the SFPL Branches Division; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary has always aspired to provide the highest level of service to everyone and  
21 did outstanding work engaging young people at The Mix, particularly in the Makerspace; and

22 WHEREAS, She was promoted to Youth Development Coordinator in August 2016, where she  
23 supports youth librarians throughout SFPL’s 27 branches; and  
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WHEREAS, Mary has consistently worked to improve services and programs for youth across the library system, at both the main and branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, She has incredible patience while working with teens, and has taken the time needed to get to know each teen so that they would want to return to The Mix again and again; and

WHEREAS, Mary’s co-workers note that she consistently demonstrates outstanding service and support to the public and to other library staff, and that her positive example inspires everyone around her to do their best work; and

WHEREAS, Mary has already received the library’s staff recognition award because of the dedication she brings to her work; and

WHEREAS, Mary has accepted a job with the New Orleans library system, where she will go on to provide excellent service; and

WHEREAS, her contributions in San Francisco will not be forgotten; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends Mary Abler for her service to San Francisco Public Library and for working to provide youth with positive experiences and leadership opportunities through the professionalism, collaborative spirit, and audaciousness that she has brought to the multiple roles she has filled during her time at the library.