WHEREAS: Literacy and educational success for San Francisco’s children is important to the present and future of our City; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) are committed to fostering literacy and educational success for the City’s children; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 11,000 kindergarten and first grade students in the SFUSD; and

WHEREAS: Possession of a public library card allows children access to a wide array of materials and resources; and

WHEREAS: 81,425 of the City’s school age children and youth received introduction to, and instruction in the use of SFPL resources in 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS: 47,688 of those receiving instruction were in kindergarten and elementary school; and

WHEREAS: In order to succeed, children need access to the widest possible resources from the beginning of their school career; and

WHEREAS: The Kinder Card and First Card Program promotes SFPL and SFUSD working together to distribute library card applications and issue library cards to every SFUSD student in kindergarten and first grade by the end of the school year in order to achieve the above goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District hereby supports the Kinder Card and First Card Program between SFPL and the SFUSD and ensures the shared awareness by our Board Members, the City Supervisors and the public of this important program for the public school children of the City and County of San Francisco.

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