

RESOLUTION
SAN PEDRO REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY

WHEREAS, since opening its doors in August of 1888, the San Pedro Regional Branch Library has provided exceptional library services to the people of San Pedro in several locations throughout its 130 year history; and

WHEREAS, through the work of the Literary Association of San Pedro, the first location was established and quickly became an integral part of the community; and

WHEREAS, during the First World War, the San Pedro Branch was noted for its service to ships, for which it was recognized by the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased demand at its former location, a new library was completed in 1924 with continued service to the San Pedro community and naval ships of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets; and

WHEREAS, the former building was closed after outgrowing the location and being declared unsafe following a Long Beach earthquake caused considerable damage to the site; and

WHEREAS, in subsequent years the San Pedro community saw the completion of a new facility in 1949, as the library had become known as the new Traveling Library, servicing the Harbor for one day a week; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of a Block Grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, funding was received to build the 20,000 square-foot facility at the current site located at 931 S. Gaffey; and

WHEREAS, the official groundbreaking took place on April 20, 1982 and when complete, became the second largest library in the system after Central Library:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council celebrates and thanks the San Pedro Regional Branch Library for the vital educational and cultural role it has played for 130 years in the San Pedro community.

PRESENTED BY: _____



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

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SECONDED BY: _____



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