

1 [KALW Day - September 1, 2026]
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3 **Resolution declaring September 1, 2026, to be “KALW Day” in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco, in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the founding of KALW 91.7 FM.**
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6 WHEREAS, For 85 years, justice, equity, community creation, and a commitment to
7 public service have remained at the center of KALW's work, while the station has continued to
8 adapt to new technologies and forms of storytelling through radio, podcasting, digital media,
9 music, journalism, and live events; and it has been at the forefront of high-quality, community-
10 minded radio from its inception, remaining deeply rooted in the Bay Area and its culture while
11 continually evolving to meet the changing needs of its listeners and communities; and

12 WHEREAS, KALW was founded on September 1, 1941, and pioneered educational
13 and community broadcast services, with its broadcast license continuing to be held by the San
14 Francisco Unified School District; and

15 WHEREAS, Training and education have remained central to KALW's mission since its
16 founding, from its pioneering broadcast training programs to today's tuition-free Audio
17 Academy, which provides adults with professional education in audio journalism while training
18 the next generation of public media storytellers; and

19 WHEREAS, KALW has made local journalism and community storytelling central to its
20 mission, developing its local news department and launching Crosscurrents, its award-winning
21 daily newsmagazine, which has helped tell the stories of the Bay Area while launching the
22 careers of a new generation of public media journalists; and

23 WHEREAS, Through its music programming, KALW gives voice to a diverse and
24 eclectic community of Bay Area DJs and musicians, connecting listeners to musical traditions,
25 emerging artists, and sounds from the Bay Area and around the world; and

1 WHEREAS, KALW has a remarkable history of programming innovation, having been
2 the first station in the Bay Area to air Fresh Air, This American Life, Snap Judgment, and The
3 Daily, as well as the first station to air the BBC in the Bay Area, for decades serving as the
4 BBC's station of record in San Francisco; and KALW is the birthplace of 99% Invisible and
5 Radio Ambulante, and Snap Judgment's Glynn Washington recorded his demos at KALW's
6 studios; and

7 WHEREAS, KALW's legacy of innovation continues to extend beyond the broadcast
8 airwaves, with the origins of Ear Hustle traceable to KALW's volunteer program at San
9 Quentin State Prison, demonstrating the station's longstanding commitment to providing
10 opportunities for new voices and new forms of storytelling; and

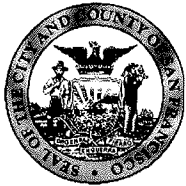
11 WHEREAS, With its diverse leadership, staff, producers, volunteers, and the many
12 voices represented in its programming, KALW seeks to inspire audiences and tell the human
13 story in all its breadth and richness, amplifying communities and perspectives that might
14 otherwise go unheard; and

15 WHEREAS, KALW remains an essential and trusted source of news, music, culture,
16 and community storytelling throughout San Francisco and the nine-county Bay Area, and
17 continues to use the power of audio to ignite conversation, nurture new voices, challenge
18 conventions, and empower communities; and

19 WHEREAS, On September 1, 2026, KALW celebrates its 85th anniversary, and the
20 station honors its extraordinary history while looking toward the next 85 years of independent,
21 community-powered storytelling and music in the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 does hereby declare September 1, 2026, as "KALW Day" in the City and County of San
24 Francisco; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors congratulates KALW on the
2 occasion of its 85th anniversary and thanks its staff, volunteers, and community for eight and
3 a half decades of independent, community-powered journalism, music, and storytelling.
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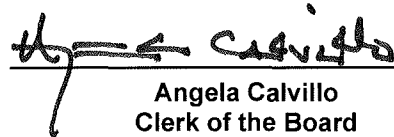
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September 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill,
Walton and Wong
Absent: 1 - Chan

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/15/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

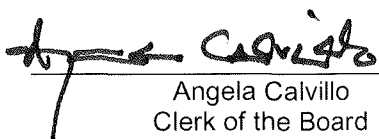
Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

09/25/2026

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

09/25/2026

Date