FILE NO. 261061 RESOLUTION NO. 559-26

[Walktober - October 2026]

Resolution proclaiming October 2026 as the first "Walktober" in the City and County of San Francisco; and celebrating walking and encouraging San Franciscans and visitors to explore the City's stairways, trails, parks, and public spaces on foot.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is one of the most walkable cities in the United States, a City of seven-by-seven square miles where residents and visitors alike are steps away from hilltop parks with scenic views, diverse neighborhoods with thriving street life, breathtaking coastal stretches, and iconic cultural districts, all linked by transportation and green corridors of trails, paths, and public stairways; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Crosstown Trail, which since 2019 has designed urban walking and biking routes across the City, is organizing the inaugural Walktober with SF Stairway Month and Glen Park Beautiful, in partnership with ArtSpan, SF Open Studios, Bay Area Ridge Trail, Big Art Loop, Civic Joy Fund, Downtown San Francisco, Livable City, Nature in the City, Port of San Francisco, Real Options for City Kids, SF City Guides, Shaping San Francisco, Sutro Stewards, Walk San Francisco, and City leaders in creating and advocating for safe, welcoming, and joyous public spaces; and

WHEREAS, For the entire month of October, dozens of local organizations and community members will offer a diverse selection of community-led walks, hikes, and events that invite people to explore the City on foot, reflecting the many ways that people find joy in walking, whether for fresh-air exercise, to meet friends and neighbors, or to connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is one of the world's premier stairway cities, with more than 900 public stairways that connect neighborhoods, provide access to transit and parks with

beautiful mosaics and terraced gardens created and sustained by civic-minded neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The City is home to more than 150 miles of designated regional and citywide trails that have become bucket list destinations, including the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Crosstown Trail and its companion trails the Double Cross and the Roundabout, the California Coastal Trail, the San Francisco Bay Trail, and the newly opened Golden Gate Dozen, which string together 12 beloved national park sites; and

WHEREAS, With more than 230 public parks, every resident of San Francisco lives within a 10 minute walk to a park, making the entire City an accessible green space, further supported by an extensive network of walking and bicycling routes, from Golden Gate Park's JFK Promenade and McLaren Park's Shelley Drive to 16 designated Slow Streets; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is fortunate to have nonprofits, community organizations, and neighborhood groups dedicated to making the public realm inviting, accessible, and joyous, many of whom will offer experiences led by local stewards, historians, artists, and outdoor advocates throughout Walktober; and

WHEREAS, A walk through San Francisco can reveal secret gardens, hidden histories, intriguing works of art, and other delights and discoveries, deepening the connection to place and inspiring people to care for shared civic spaces, and stands as one of the most powerful ways that people can improve public health and build stronger communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby designates the month of October 2026 as the first annual "Walktober" in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports community-led walks, hikes, and events, encourages residents and

visitors to explore the City's stairways, trails, parks, and public spaces on foot, and celebrates San Francisco's standing as a world-class walkable city.

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September 29, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/29/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10/09/2026

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

10/09/2026

Date