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RESOLUTION NO.

[Day of Inclusion - May 6, 2017]

Resolution declaring May 6, 2017, to be a Day of Inclusion for the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of the harm caused by the Chinese Exclusion Act and immigration policies based on racial and religious intolerance.

WHEREAS, On May 6, 1882, President Chester Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which was the nation's first law to prohibit immigration solely on the basis of ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act, which was renewed in 1892, 1902 and made permanent in 1904 prevented Chinese laborers from entering the U.S. and denied Chinese a pathway to citizenship for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent legislation such as the 1892 Geary Act, which required all Chinese to register for and carry on their persons Certificates of Residence or risk imprisonment and deportation set a precedent for the Muslim registry being promoted by President Trump today; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act was based on racial hostility against Chinese, who were characterized as "unassimilable, vile heathens" and were blamed for lowering wages, taking away jobs, draining the economy, and endangering the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, There is a direct link between the racial animus and religious intolerance exemplified by the Chinese Exclusion Act and President Trump's Executive Orders, which attempts to ban the issuance of travel visas for citizens of certain majority-Muslim nations based on unestablished security risks and the implication that all Muslims are terrorists; and

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WHEREAS, Trump's Executive Order 13769 suspended refugee resettlement for 120 days, and cut in half the number of refugees the U.S. had accepted previously in the Obama administration to 50,000 refugees; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's executive order of January 25, 2017, on border enforcement called for the construction of a new border wall, which has been estimated to cost \$20 billion, and the hiring of additional Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to deport undocumented immigrants whom he called "bad hombres" and "rapists", thereby criminalizing immigrant communities at large; and

WHEREAS, Trump's order for expedited removals gives immigration officials broad powers to arrest and deport anyone suspected of being in the U.S. without authorization, just as marshals were allowed to sweep through Chinese communities in the aftermath of the Chinese Exclusion Act to raid homes and businesses in search of undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Senate in 2011 and the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012 unanimously condemned the Chinese Exclusion Laws and "affirmed Congress' commitment to preserve the civil rights and constitutional protections for all people;" now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco marks May 6, 2017, as a Day of Inclusion in recognition of the harm caused by discriminatory immigration measures based on race, ethnicity, religion or nation of origin, and to cherish the contributions of all immigrants and refugees who have enriched our communities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco has declared its opposition to the Executive Orders signed by the President on border enforcement policies and the Muslim travel ban, and call upon the President to rescind these Executive Orders; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco condemns the expansion of deportations planned by the current Presidential Administration as well as its executive order banning immigration based on national origin and religion; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms that it is open and welcoming to immigrants and refugees who are integral to the life of San Francisco.

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