

1 [Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion**
4 **Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 singled out race, namely Chinese
7 ancestry and other Asian ancestries, as the main requirement for controlling certain persons,
8 including American citizens, within, exiting and entering this country; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act and its subsequent derivative laws legitimized
10 an unjust national policy from an outgrowth of prejudice, hatred, and scapegoating which
11 originated in California; and,

12 WHEREAS, The restrictions of the Chinese Exclusion Act effectively led to the
13 destruction of communities and the deliberate division of families and the separation of
14 husbands and wives; and,

15 WHEREAS, Sixty years after the repeal, the legacy of the Exclusion Act persists
16 among survivors who retain bitter memories and among their descendants troubled by
17 unresolved questions of family history and self-identity; and,

18 WHEREAS, For the advancement of our great Nation, acts correcting grave injustices
19 such as the Chinese Exclusion Act must be remembered and commemorated to foster
20 healing, greater understanding and appreciation of all our peoples; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commemorates the 60th anniversary of the
22 repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act on December 17, 2003; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens of the diverse State of California pledge
24 themselves to achieve greater harmony by increasing mutual understanding and respect

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1 among its people, to prevent the reoccurrence of unspeakable and unjust policies such as the
2 Chinese Exclusion Act.

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