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Prepared by: Jocelyn Wong

Date: June 12, 2026

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Date: _____

1 [Supporting California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 123, Duanwu Jie - Dragon Boat
2 Festival Day - June 19, 2026]

3 **Resolution recognizing the Dragon Boat Festival's role in strengthening community**
4 **and generational bonds through cultural celebration, and supporting Assembly**
5 **Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 123, introduced by Assembly Member Phillip Chen,**
6 **recognizing June 19, 2026, as Duanwu Jie in the State of California; and further**
7 **declaring June 19, 2026, as Dragon Boat Festival Day in the City and County of San**
8 **Francisco.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Dragon Boat Festival, also known as Duanwu Jie, is one of the
11 biggest festivals celebrated in China, with dragons serving as important symbols of power,
12 prosperity and good luck in Chinese culture; and

13 WHEREAS, It is celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the traditional Chinese
14 calendar and was the first traditional Chinese festival recognized by UNESCO as an
15 Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity; and

16 WHEREAS, The festival originated as a celebration to ward off evils and bad omens;
17 and also, it historically has ties to Qu Yuan, a key poet and statesman whose work remains
18 formative to Chinese culture and literature and whose legacy emphasizes innovation,
19 creativity, and loyalty; and

20 WHEREAS, In celebration, dragon-shaped boat races take place, sticky rice wrapped
21 in bamboo leaves, or zongzi, are made to be eaten, and different traditional
22 herbs are both hung and worn to ward off evils; and

23 WHEREAS, The modern tradition of dragon boat racing traces many of its strongest
24 living practices to the Lingnan region of Southern China, particularly Guangdong Province,
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1 where dragon boat culture has flourished for centuries as a celebration of community
2 solidarity, athletic excellence, and cultural heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, Dragon boat racing has grown into an internationally celebrated sport,
4 practiced in more than 80 countries and regions worldwide, uniting people of diverse
5 backgrounds through competition, teamwork, cultural appreciation, and a shared commitment
6 to community engagement; and

7 WHEREAS, The observance of Dragon Boat Festival serves as a heartfelt time for
8 community gathering, sharing of traditions, and the perseverance of culture; and

9 WHEREAS, The festival is also an important time for small businesses as in
10 preparation to the celebration, there is a significant uptick in revenue and consumer spending;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Dragon Boat Festival emphasizes the importance of representation
13 and creates an intentional cultural and social space for community members to connect
14 through organized competitive boat racing, express their creativity, and form meaningful
15 bonds through making zongzi together; and

16 WHEREAS, The Dragon Boat Festival continues to serve as a celebration spanning
17 across generations; and with California being home to the largest Chinese diaspora
18 community in the United States, celebrations in the state remain an integral aspect of
19 connecting communities with their cultural heritage; and

20 WHEREAS, The history of San Francisco is inseparable from the contributions of
21 Chinese immigrants, many of whom originated from Guangdong Province and neighboring
22 regions of Southern China; and

23 WHEREAS, The continued celebration of Dragon Boat Festival serves as a meaningful
24 bridge between past and present, honoring the legacy of early immigrants while strengthening
25 cultural understanding and community connection for future generations; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 recognizes the Dragon Boat Festival's role in strengthening community and generational
3 bonds through cultural celebration; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports
5 Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 123 introduced by Assembly Member Phillip Chen,
6 recognizing June 19, 2026, as Duanwu Jie in the State of California; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares June 19, 2026, as
8 Dragon Boat Festival Day in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby direct the Clerk of the
10 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore
11 Mike McGuire, California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Governor Gavin Newsom,
12 Assembly Phillip Chen, and the primary sponsors of this bill.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 21, 2026

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

NO. 123

Introduced by Assembly Member Chen

January 20, 2026

Relative to ~~the Dragon Boat Festival~~. *Duanwu Jie*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 123, as amended, Chen. ~~Dragon Boat Festival~~. *Duanwu Jie*.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2026, as Duanwu Jie, also known as the Dragon Boat Festival, and would celebrate the cultural contributions and rich heritage of the communities who observe this important festival.

Digest Key

Fiscal Committee: no

Bill Text

WHEREAS, Duanwu Jie, also known as the Dragon Boat Festival, is a holiday with more than 2,000 years of history and deep cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Observed on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month, Duanwu Jie is traditionally associated with honoring the poet and statesman Qu Yuan, whose legacy represents loyalty, integrity, and devotion to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Over time, the festival has also become a celebration of community and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Duanwu Jie is most famously marked by dragon boat races in which teams paddle in unison to the rhythm of drums symbolizing cooperation and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Families and communities also celebrate by preparing and sharing zongzi, which is sticky rice wrapped in bamboo leaves, which reflects tradition, care, and togetherness. In many households, people hang herbs or wear protective charms, which are customs rooted in wishes for good health; and

WHEREAS, Today, Duanwu Jie continues to be celebrated around the world, bringing people together across generations and cultures; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby recognizes June 19, 2026, as Duanwu Jie and celebrates the cultural contributions and rich heritage of the communities who observe this important festival; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

From: [Kong, Fiona \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: [D11 Chen] Introduction: Dragon Boat Festival Day
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 12:10:17 PM
Attachments: [California-2025-ACR123-Amended.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hi Jocelyn,

Confirming clerical edits made to the Resolution. Please see the attached PDF copy of ACR 123.

The California State Association of Counties or League of California Cities have not taken a position on these bills.

Thank you,
Fiona

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From: BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:55 AM
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Subject: RE: [D11 Chen] Introduction: Dragon Boat Festival Day
Importance: High

Hi Fiona,

Please review the attached for clerical edits made to the Resolution. For future submissions, please use the attached Board Resolution Template.

We are also seeking the following by 2:00 p.m. to complete this submission:

- PDF copy of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 123
- Per Board Rule 2.8.2, please confirm that organizations such as the [California State](#)

Association of Counties or League of California Cities have *not* taken a position on these bills. If they have, please provide a copy of their statement for completeness of the file.

Thanks!

Best regards,

Jocelyn Wong

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Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:01 PM

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Subject: [D11 Chen] Introduction: Dragon Boat Festival Day

Dear Clerk Team,

Please see the attached introduction form and resolution for Supervisor Chen's resolution on Dragon Boat Festival Day. Copied are staff from offices who have signed on as early co-sponsors.

Thank you,

Fiona

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Fiona Kong

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Chen; Mandelman, Walton, Chan, Sauter, Wong, Melgar

Subject:

Dragon Boat Festival Day - June 19th, 2026

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution recognizing the Dragon Boat Festival's role in strengthening community and generational bonds through cultural celebration; declaring June 19th, 2026 as Dragon Boat Festival Day in the City and County of San Francisco; and supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution 123 introduced by Assembly Member Phillip Chen, recognizing June 19th, 2026 as Duanwu Jie in the State of California.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Chyanne Chen