

1 [Tyrus Wong Day - March 9, 2016]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 9, 2016, as Tyrus Wong Day in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco, and recognizing the ongoing legacy of a Disney legend and pioneering**
5 **Asian American artist.**

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7 WHEREAS, Tyrus Wong overcame adversity, poverty and racial discrimination to
8 become one of the Depression-era artists whose creativity and drive helped shape the culture
9 and artistic life of California during the 1930s and 40s; and

10 WHEREAS, Tyrus Wong made an indelible imprint on American cinema through his
11 artistic contributions to Disney’s groundbreaking animation classic, Bambi, as well as Warner
12 Bros films like The Wild Bunch and Rebel Without A Cause; and

13 WHEREAS, Tyrus Wong will be honored at the Angel Island Immigration Station
14 Foundation’s 2016 Immigrant Heritage Awards for his life’s achievements, in recognition of his
15 immigration from Taishan County, Guangdong Province, China, through Angel Island at the
16 age of nine, and his status as the oldest living Angel Island detainee; and

17 WHEREAS, The moving documentary film Tyrus, Directed by Pamela Tom, will kick-off
18 the 34th annual CAAMFest on March 10, 2016, at the Castro Theater; and

19 WHEREAS, Tyrus Wong is a living artistic treasure and pioneering icon whose
20 personal journey and artistic commitment has enriched the American cultural landscape and
21 paved the way for future generations of Asian Americans to realize their artistic visions in
22 Hollywood and beyond; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 commends and appreciates Tyrus Wong’s ongoing legacy, voice, and talents; and, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares March 9, 2016, Tyrus Wong Day
2 in the City and County San Francisco.

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