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MEMORANDUM

Date:

September 23, 2025

To:

Katy Tang, Director, Office of Small Business

Anne Taupier, Executive Director, Office of Economic and Workforce

Development

Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Acting Executive Director, Human Rights Commission

From:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject:

Black Business Month - August 2025 (File No. 250855)

On September 2, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 404-25 sponsored by Supervisor Shamann Walton (File No. 250855, Black Business Month - August 2025); enacted on September 12, 2025.

Please find a copy for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by email: <u>board of supervisors a strovers</u>.

Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Shamann Walton, Stephen Sherrill, Rafael Mandelman,
Bilal Mahmood, Danny Sauter, Chyanne Chen, Jackie Fielder, Myrna Melgar, Joel Engardio
Kerry Birnbach, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Small Business
Alesandra Lozano, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Aly Bonde, Policy Director, Mayor's Office

[Black Business Month - August 2025]

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to declare the month of August as Black Business Month, and to recognize the 22nd Annual National Black Business Month beginning on August 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, August 1, 2025, marks the beginning of the 22nd annual National Black Business Month; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, motivated by his own experiences, San Franciscan Frederick E. Jordan Sr., P.E., a legendary civil engineer whose work helped shape the city's skyline and infrastructure, and John William Templeton, creator of the California African American Freedom Trail, launched National Black Business Month to highlight Black entrepreneurs and encourage the public to support their businesses; and

WHEREAS, This observance recognizes the critical role of Black-owned businesses in strengthening both the African American community and the broader national economy; and

WHEREAS, National Black Business Month also brings attention to the policy issues affecting African American entrepreneurship and economic equity; and

WHEREAS, Data from the 2012 U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there were approximately 2.6 million Black-owned businesses in the United States, employing nearly one million people and generating roughly \$187 billion in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce, the number of African American—owned businesses in San Francisco had declined by nearly 25 percent, with a 60.7 percent drop in receipts in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Capt. William Alexander Leidesdorff, a distinguished African American mariner and merchant, was the first City Treasurer and School Committee Chair of San

Francisco, cemented his legacy as one of the city's most successful early entrepreneurs with his estate, valued at \$1.4 million in 1854; and

WHEREAS, This year's observance is especially urgent as Black communities and businesses face renewed threats from nationwide rollbacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, making continued advocacy and investment in Black entrepreneurship more critical than ever; and

WHEREAS, Between 2005 and 2017, only 1,000 of the 144,000 new jobs in San Francisco County went to African Americans and in response, the National Black Business Month launched the "10,000 in 12 Months" initiative, led by Dr. Charles Moses, Dean of the University of San Francisco School of Management, to promote recruitment, promotion, and retention of African American professionals by local employers; and

WHEREAS, The address of San Francisco City Hall honors Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, a preeminent Black entrepreneur, physician, psychologist, publisher, and 1966 candidate for Governor of California; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's District 10 is home to thriving Black-owned businesses such as Gumbo Social, Yvonne's Sweets, Punkin's 1 Stop Beauty Shop, Smoke Soul Kitchen and more, Black-owned businesses are essential to San Francisco's cultural and economic life, which exemplify cultural and economic vitality through culinary innovation, community-rooted services, and creative entrepreneurship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of Black businesses to the economic and cultural life of our city and declares August 2025 as the 22nd annual National Black Business Month in San Francisco and encourages all San Franciscans to support, invest in, contract with, and uplift Black-owned businesses year-round; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is committed to advancing equitable economic development strategies that support the city's diverse communities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will continue to dedicate resources to neighborhoods with significant Black populations, namely Bayview-Hunters Point, the Western Addition, and the Fillmore, by supporting Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs throughout the city; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, the Office of Small Business, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Human Rights Commission, the Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses (BAOBAB) Directory, the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce, and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.



City and County of San Francisco Tails

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Resolution

File Number: 250855 Date Passed: September 02, 2025

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September 02, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

File No. 250855

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/2/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 9/12/2025

Daniel Lurie Date Approved
Mayor

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.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

9/12/2025

Date