

1 [Day of Inclusion - May 6, 2017]
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3 **Resolution declaring May 6, 2017, to be a Day of Inclusion for the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco, in recognition of the harm caused by the Chinese Exclusion Act and**
5 **immigration policies based on racial and religious intolerance.**
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7 WHEREAS, On May 6, 1882, President Chester Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion
8 Act, which was the nation's first law to prohibit immigration solely on the basis of ethnicity; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act was based on racial hostility against Chinese,
17 who were characterized as "unassimilable, vile heathens" and were blamed for lowering
18 wages, taking away jobs, draining the economy, and endangering the American way of life;
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20 WHEREAS, There is a direct link between the racial animus and religious intolerance
21 exemplified by the Chinese Exclusion Act and President Trump's Executive Orders, which
22 attempts to ban the issuance of travel visas for citizens of certain majority-Muslim nations
23 based on unestablished security risks and the implication that all Muslims are terrorists; and
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1 WHEREAS, Trump’s Executive Order 13769 suspended refugee resettlement for 120
2 days, and cut in half the number of refugees the U.S. had accepted previously in the Obama
3 administration to 50,000 refugees; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Trump’s order for expedited removals gives immigration officials broad
10 powers to arrest and deport anyone suspected of being in the U.S. without authorization, just
11 as marshals were allowed to sweep through Chinese communities in the aftermath of the
12 Chinese Exclusion Act to raid homes and businesses in search of undocumented immigrants;
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14 WHEREAS, The U.S. Senate in 2011 and the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012
15 unanimously condemned the Chinese Exclusion Laws and “affirmed Congress’ commitment
16 to preserve the civil rights and constitutional protections for all people;” now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

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

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May 02, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy and Tang
Excused: 1 - Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/2/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

5/12/2017

Date Approved

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.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/15/17

Date