

1 [Yau Kung Moon Day - May 15, 2026]

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3 **Resolution commending Yau Kung Moon San Francisco for its outstanding**
4 **contribution to Chinese cultural heritage, education, and community; and declaring**
5 **May 15, 2026, as Yau Kung Moon Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Yau Kung Moon (YKM) is a traditional Shaolin martial arts system that
8 uniquely emphasizes both physical and mental well-being, and is widely recognized as a
9 leading organization in martial arts, lion dance, and dragon dance worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, YKM is regarded as a pioneer and gold standard in both Northern and
11 Southern lion dance styles due to its strong foundation in martial arts principles; and

12 WHEREAS, the YKM system is based on the movements of ten characteristic animals;
13 Dragon, Snake, Tiger, Leopard, Crane, Lion, Elephant, Horse, Monkey, and Eagle, integrating
14 their varied strength, agility, grace, and speed into a unified and distinctive martial system;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Originating in the Tang Dynasty, the YKM system was founded by Shaolin
17 monk Ding Yang and for centuries remained a closely guarded tradition, passed down from
18 Grandmasters to select disciples within the Shaolin Temple; and

19 WHEREAS, During the Qing Dynasty, the destruction of temples forced monks to flee;
20 however, Doe Sung, a principal disciple of Yau Kung Moon, survived and preserved the
21 system, continuing the tradition of passing it to one disciple per generation; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1924, YKM was first introduced to the public by Great Grandmaster Ha
23 Hon Hung, who expanded the system throughout China, established numerous schools in the
24 Guangdong Province and Hong Kong, and passed the art on to his son, Grandmaster Ha
25 Kwok Cheung; and

1 WHEREAS, In the 1960's, Wong Cheung and Van Tak Kei, two top disciples of
2 Grandmaster Ha Kwok Cheung, immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong, with
3 Master Wong settling in San Francisco and Master Van in Los Angeles; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1975, the Yau Kung Moon Kung Fu Sport Association was established
5 in the United States to promote and preserve the YKM system, becoming one of the most
6 respected martial arts, lion dance, and dragon dance organizations in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, Following tradition, Master Wong and Master Van passed their knowledge
8 to their top disciples, including Bill Lee, Loi Lok Fu, Lok Sang Lee, Michael Lau, David Louie,
9 and Bob Gin; and

10 WHEREAS, Yau Kung Moon San Francisco has operated for over 50 years and has
11 participated in more than 43 Lunar New Year Parades, bringing positivity, cultural pride, and
12 hope to the community; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1990 Yau Kung Moon San Francisco competed at the International
14 Golden Lion Championship held in Malaysia and won second place; and

15 WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, the masters and disciples have grown the YKM
16 Association to over 1,000 members strong, strengthening community ties through culturally
17 significant practices; and

18 WHEREAS, The Grandmasters Wong Cheung, Van Tak Kei, Lok Sang Lee, and
19 Michael Lau have played vital roles in the growth and preservation of YKM; and

20 WHEREAS, Grandmaster Bill Lee has been an integral leader in both the San
21 Francisco YKM and Chinatown communities, tirelessly supporting the preservation and
22 advancement of the art; and

23 WHEREAS, He established the YKM studio on Waverly Place in Chinatown and helped
24 cultivate a new generation of masters, setting a high standard for lion dance locally and
25 nationally; and

1 WHEREAS, The current generation of YKM leadership in San Francisco includes
2 Master Susan Yee, Master Richard Ow, and Master Norman Lau, who continue to guide and
3 mentor future generations of students; and

4 WHEREAS, Master Susan Yee, the only female YKM master, founded the first
5 successful all-female lion dance team in the United States in 1993, earning third place at the
6 International Chinese Martial Arts Championship and National Lion Dance Competition; and

7 WHEREAS, Master Richard Ow has dedicated over 25 years to preserving and
8 teaching YKM in Chinatown and the Sunset District, actively contributing to community events
9 and cultural education;

10 WHEREAS, Master Norman Lau, founder of Lion Dance Me, has advanced modern
11 lion dance while preserving traditional YKM foundations, achieving success in competitions
12 locally and internationally, empowering youth through leadership programs, and contributing
13 numerous volunteer performances to the community; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2023, Lion Dance Me competed at the Genting World Lion Dance
15 Championship in Malaysia and won the Western Lion King Title, and made history with the
16 first-ever female champion in a heavily male-dominated industry; and

17 WHEREAS, YKM provides youth with opportunities to learn Chinese heritage, cultivate
18 self-confidence, develop leadership skills, and actively serve their communities; and

19 WHEREAS, YKM lion dances are an essential part of Lunar New Year celebrations,
20 grand openings, and cultural events throughout San Francisco, enriching the city's vibrant
21 cultural landscape; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes Yau Kung Moon's vital role in
23 preserving cultural heritage, fostering cross-cultural understanding, empowering youth
24 leadership, and strengthening community bonds; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes May
2 15, 2026, as Yau Kung Moon Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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