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[Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.]

Resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 singled out race, namely Chinese ancestry and other Asian ancestries, as the main requirement for controlling certain persons, including American citizens, within, exiting and entering this country; and,

WHEREAS, The Chinese Exclusion Act and its subsequent derivative laws legitimized an unjust national policy from an outgrowth of prejudice, hatred, and scapegoating which originated in California; and,

WHEREAS, The restrictions of the Chinese Exclusion Act effectively led to the destruction of communities and the deliberate division of families and the separation of husbands and wives; and,

WHEREAS, Sixty years after the repeal, the legacy of the Exclusion Act persists among survivors who retain bitter memories and among their descendants troubled by unresolved questions of family history and self-identity; and,

WHEREAS, For the advancement of our great Nation, acts correcting grave injustices such as the Chinese Exclusion Act must be remembered and commemorated to foster healing, greater understanding and appreciation of all our peoples; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commemorates the 60th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act on December 17, 2003; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens of the diverse State of California pledge themselves to achieve greater harmony by increasing mutual understanding and respect

1 among its people, to prevent the reoccurrence of unspeakable and unjust policies such as the
2 Chinese Exclusion Act.

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Date Passed:

Resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

December 16, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin

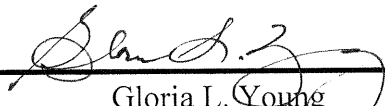
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Newsom

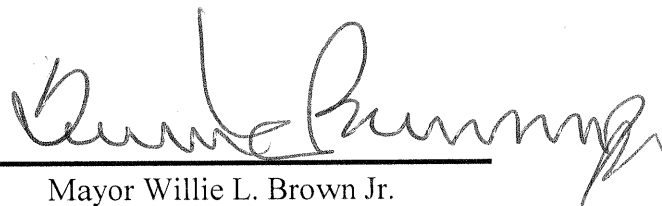
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 16, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.