

1 [Kenny Lau Day - August 28, 2025]

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3 **Resolution commending Kenny Lau for his outstanding contributions to traditional**
4 **Chinese medicine, cultural heritage, education, and public service; and declaring**
5 **August 28, 2025, as Kenny Lau Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Kenny Lau is a renowned leader in the field of traditional Chinese
8 medicine (TCM), a devoted educator, and a tireless advocate for cultural preservation and
9 community well-being in the Bay Area, whose work has spanned more than four decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Lau descends from a distinguished lineage of herbal medicine
11 practitioners, representing three generations in the field; he earned his degree from
12 Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine and has since dedicated his life to the practice,
13 research, and promotion of TCM both in the United States and abroad; and

14 WHEREAS, As Chairman of Ellision Enterprises Corporation for over 30 years, Mr. Lau
15 has been a driving force in the herbal medicine industry; his leadership includes serving nine
16 consecutive terms as President of both the Chinese Herb Trade Association of Northern
17 California and the American Chinese Herb Trade Association since 2007, helping shape
18 policy, quality standards, and industry growth; and

19 WHEREAS, Kenny Lau has played a pivotal role in advancing TCM on a global stage,
20 holding esteemed positions such as Executive Board Member of the World Federation of
21 Chinese Medicine Societies, Vice Chair of its Chinese Medicine Identification Specialized
22 Committee, and Chairman of the American Research Institute of Chinese Medicine; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lau is the Principal of the United States (U.S.) campus of Heilongjiang
24 University of Chinese Medicine, and has worked tirelessly to mentor future generations of

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1 TCM practitioners and scholars through academic exchanges, institutional partnerships, and
2 leadership in professional training; and

3 WHEREAS, Kenny Lau has organized and chaired numerous major international
4 conferences, including the 2010 World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies U.S.
5 Academic Symposium, the 2014 and 2017 San Francisco International TCM Conferences, the
6 2018 World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies Conference, and multiple Northern
7 California Traditional Chinese Medical Science Festivals, helping bring global attention to San
8 Francisco as a center for TCM excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, In September 2022, Mr. Lau founded the nation's first Traditional Chinese
10 Herbal Medicine Exhibition Hall in San Francisco—an important public educational resource
11 that showcases the depth, diversity, and philosophy of TCM, and serves to foster greater
12 understanding of Chinese heritage and healing practices; and

13 WHEREAS, As a result of Mr. Lau's decades of advocacy and leadership in raising
14 awareness of traditional Chinese medicine, the California State Assembly proclaimed March
15 18, 2024, as "California Chinese Medicine Day," a milestone adopted by nine Bay Area cities,
16 including San Francisco, affirming the crucial role of TCM in today's healthcare landscape and
17 its cultural significance; and

18 WHEREAS, Beyond medicine, Mr. Lau has played a critical role in cultural preservation
19 and community building as a founder of the U.S.–Sino Culture Experience Consortium and
20 the Chinatown History & Culture Association, both of which are civic initiatives in San
21 Francisco Chinatown that promote intercultural dialogue and preserve Chinese-American
22 heritage; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lau's other contributions within the civic and business community
24 include serving on the Board of Directors of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of San
25 Francisco, being a board consultant for the Chinatown Merchants United Association of San

1 Francisco and Chairman of the Chinese Literature of the Americas Journal, which highlights
2 cultural, educational, and health-related initiatives within the Chinese-American community;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Kenny Lau's exceptional service and leadership have earned him
5 numerous awards, including the American Chinese Outstanding Achievement Award (two
6 consecutive years), the Fifth National Outstanding Business Leader Contribution Award in
7 China, the American Chinese Medicine Education Distinguished Contribution Award, and the
8 Distinguished Overseas Chinese Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Kenny Lau's enduring contributions have helped shape San Francisco's
10 identity as a leader in integrative medicine, cultural education, and community health, while
11 elevating traditional Chinese medicine as a respected pillar of global healthcare and heritage;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 hereby commends Kenny Lau for his exceptional service, leadership, and lifelong dedication
15 to the advancement of traditional Chinese medicine, preservation of cultural heritage,
16 promotion of education, and strengthening of civic life in San Francisco and beyond; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes Mr. Lau's pivotal role in
18 establishing San Francisco as an international hub for traditional Chinese medicine, and as a
19 vibrant center of cross-cultural understanding, academic exchange, and heritage preservation;
20 his efforts have had a lasting impact not only in the field of health and wellness but also in
21 nurturing future generations, supporting small businesses, and fostering the cultural richness
22 of the Chinese American community; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in recognition of Kenny Lau's decades of unwavering
24 commitment and visionary leadership, the Board of Supervisors declares August 28, 2025, as
25 Kenny Lau Day in the City and County of San Francisco.