

1 [Supporting California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 123, Duanwu Jie - Dragon Boat
2 Festival Day - June 19, 2026]

3 **Resolution recognizing the Dragon Boat Festival’s role in strengthening community**
4 **and generational bonds through cultural celebration, and supporting Assembly**
5 **Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 123, introduced by Assembly Member Phillip Chen,**
6 **recognizing June 19, 2026, as Duanwu Jie in the State of California; and further**
7 **declaring June 19, 2026, as Dragon Boat Festival Day in the City and County of San**
8 **Francisco.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Dragon Boat Festival, also known as Duanwu Jie, is one of the
11 biggest festivals celebrated in China, with dragons serving as important symbols of power,
12 prosperity and good luck in Chinese culture; and

13 WHEREAS, It is celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the traditional Chinese
14 calendar and was the first traditional Chinese festival recognized by UNESCO as an
15 Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity; and

16 WHEREAS, The festival originated as a celebration to ward off evils and bad omens;
17 and also, it historically has ties to Qu Yuan, a key poet and statesman whose work remains
18 formative to Chinese culture and literature and whose legacy emphasizes innovation,
19 creativity, and loyalty; and

20 WHEREAS, In celebration, dragon-shaped boat races take place, sticky rice wrapped
21 in bamboo leaves, or zongzi, are made to be eaten, and different traditional
22 herbs are both hung and worn to ward off evils; and

23 WHEREAS, The modern tradition of dragon boat racing traces many of its strongest
24 living practices to the Lingnan region of Southern China, particularly Guangdong Province,

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1 where dragon boat culture has flourished for centuries as a celebration of community
2 solidarity, athletic excellence, and cultural heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, Dragon boat racing has grown into an internationally celebrated sport,
4 practiced in more than 80 countries and regions worldwide, uniting people of diverse
5 backgrounds through competition, teamwork, cultural appreciation, and a shared commitment
6 to community engagement; and

7 WHEREAS, The observance of Dragon Boat Festival serves as a heartfelt time for
8 community gathering, sharing of traditions, and the perseverance of culture; and

9 WHEREAS, The festival is also an important time for small businesses as in
10 preparation to the celebration, there is a significant uptick in revenue and consumer spending;
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12 WHEREAS, The Dragon Boat Festival emphasizes the importance of representation
13 and creates an intentional cultural and social space for community members to connect
14 through organized competitive boat racing, express their creativity, and form meaningful
15 bonds through making zongzi together; and

16 WHEREAS, The Dragon Boat Festival continues to serve as a celebration spanning
17 across generations; and with California being home to the largest Chinese diaspora
18 community in the United States, celebrations in the state remain an integral aspect of
19 connecting communities with their cultural heritage; and

20 WHEREAS, The history of San Francisco is inseparable from the contributions of
21 Chinese immigrants, many of whom originated from Guangdong Province and neighboring
22 regions of Southern China; and

23 WHEREAS, The continued celebration of Dragon Boat Festival serves as a meaningful
24 bridge between past and present, honoring the legacy of early immigrants while strengthening
25 cultural understanding and community connection for future generations; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 recognizes the Dragon Boat Festival's role in strengthening community and generational
3 bonds through cultural celebration; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports
5 Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 123 introduced by Assembly Member Phillip Chen,
6 recognizing June 19, 2026, as Duanwu Jie in the State of California; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares June 19, 2026, as
8 Dragon Boat Festival Day in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby direct the Clerk of the
10 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California Senate President pro Tempore
11 Mike McGuire, California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Governor Gavin Newsom,
12 Assembly Phillip Chen, and the primary sponsors of this bill.

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