

1 [Asian American and Pacific Islander Day - May 18, 2021]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 18, 2021, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against**
4 **Bullying and Hate in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, May 18th is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a
7 hate crime in Detroit in 1982, fueling a national Asian American activist movement that
8 continues to this day; and

9 WHEREAS, Every day, youth of all ages suffer from being bullied in schools and online
10 across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, In the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, this
12 problem is often compounded by cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that can keep these
13 youth from seeking and receiving help; and

14 WHEREAS, Certain AAPI populations – including South Asian, Muslim, Sikh,
15 Micronesian, LGBT, immigrant, and limited English proficient youth – are more likely to be the
16 targets of bullying, including half of Asian American students, two-thirds of Sikh American
17 students, and half of Muslim American students; and

18 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a staggering rise in bullying,
19 discrimination, and hate crimes in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community;
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21 WHEREAS, Between March 19 and December 31, 2020, Stop AAPI Hate has received
22 2,808 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the
23 U.S., with vulnerable populations experiencing increased attacks and youth under 20 years
24 old making up 13.6% of cases; and

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1 WHEREAS, Recent reports, including a survey by the U.S. Education Department,
2 demonstrate that AAPI students are returning to school at a lower rate than their peers, and
3 almost 7 in 10 Asian American K-12 students were still learning online only, with this
4 hesitancy to return to in-person learning partially attributed to the increase in hate against
5 AAPI communities; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 will continue to denounce all incidents of hate against the Asian American community
8 surrounding the COVID-19 crisis, in particular those targeting youth and young people; and,
9 be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco urge our educational institutions to include school-based curriculum to combat the
12 rise of hate and bullying against our AAPI youth; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and in
14 honor of Vincent Chin, the Board of Supervisors declares May 18, 2021, as Asian American
15 and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate in the City and County of San Francisco;
16 and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
18 copy of this Resolution to the San Francisco Board of Education and Superintendent Vincent
19 Matthews.

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