

1 [Honoring the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association - 175th Anniversary]

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3 **Resolution recognizing and honoring the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent**
4 **Association’s 175th Anniversary; and declaring October 5, 2024, as “Chinese**
5 **Consolidated Benevolent Association Day,” in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Founded 175 years ago, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
8 (CCBA) arose out of a need for immigrant Chinese to be organized for social, economic, and
9 political protection and has continued to grow and develop from its original mission; and

10 WHEREAS, New Chinese immigrants formed family associations based on their
11 village, city, or province of origin in China and eventually formed the Chinese Consolidated
12 Benevolent Association, made up of some of the most prominent family organizations - Sam
13 Yup, Yeung Wo, Kong Chow, Ning Yuen, Hop Wo, Yan Wo, and Sue Hing; and

14 WHEREAS, Racism that gave rise to the “Yellow Peril” rhetoric and political
15 persecution such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which restricted Chinese immigration
16 to the United States for 10 years, galvanized CCBA to fight for recognition and support; and

17 WHEREAS, Often served as the litigator of civil rights and challenger against anti-
18 Chinese legislations, CCBA’s most renowned appeal to the United States Supreme Court was
19 the landmark victory in the case of Wong Kim Ark in 1898, which established United State
20 citizenship for American-born children of Chinese parents; and

21 WHEREAS, In the late 19th and early 20th century, this family association model has
22 spread across the United States and Canada wherever large numbers of Chinese immigrants
23 settled, such as in New York City, Seattle, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, Detroit, Oakland,
24 Sacramento, and Vancouver among others; and

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1 WHEREAS, On October 5, 2024, CCBA will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby
4 recognizes and honors the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association on the occasion of
5 the 175th Anniversary of its founding; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares October 5, 2024, as
7 “Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association Day,” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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