

1 [Marking the 83rd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March - April 9, 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing April 9, 2025, as the 83rd anniversary of the Bataan Death**
4 **March in the City and County of San Francisco and honoring the continued work of the**
5 **“Bataan Legacy Historical Society.”**

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7 WHEREAS, On April 9, 1942, approximately 75,000 Filipino and American soldiers of
8 the United States Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) were forced to surrender to the
9 Imperial Japanese Army after months of intense and unrelenting combat in the Bataan
10 Peninsula of the Philippines; and

11 WHEREAS, Despite suffering from disease, starvation, lack of medicine, and no air or
12 naval support, the soldiers of USAFFE held off the advancing Imperial Japanese Army for 99
13 days and demonstrated unwavering courage and resolve; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon surrender, Filipino and American soldiers were forced to march
15 more than 65 miles to prison camps under brutal tropical conditions with no food, water, or
16 medical care, and those who could not keep up were subjected to unspeakable violence
17 including beatings, bayoneting, and execution; and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands perished during this forced march, now known around the
19 world as the Bataan Death March, which stands as one of the darkest and most harrowing
20 chapters of World War II; and

21 WHEREAS, The legacy of these soldiers is one of sacrifice, resilience, and unity
22 between the Filipino and American people, and serves as a reminder of the high cost of
23 freedom and the strength of international alliances; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Bataan Legacy Historical Society has worked tirelessly to preserve
2 this history and ensure that the stories of these brave soldiers are passed on to future
3 generations through education, community engagement, and public commemoration; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 5, 2025, the Bataan Legacy Historical Society hosted its annual
5 Bataan Death March Commemoration at the San Francisco National Cemetery to honor the
6 memory of the fallen and the survivors who carried this burden for the rest of their lives; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes April 9, 2025, as
9 the 83rd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March, a day of remembrance and solemn
10 reflection in honor of the soldiers who were affected by the march; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commends the Bataan Legacy Historical
12 Society for its continued commitment to education, remembrance, and the preservation of
13 Filipino and American shared history; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco stands in solidarity
15 with the families, veterans, and communities who continue to honor the sacrifices made at
16 Bataan, and pledges to ensure this legacy endures for generations to come.

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