[Urging the National Archives and Records Administration to Halt the Closure of the National Archives in San Francisco]

Resolution urging the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to halt the closure of the National Archives at San Francisco and the relocation of the facility's records and artifacts to ensure that local communities continue to have direct access to evidence of their history and stories in the United States.

WHEREAS, The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's official record keeper, tasked with safeguarding and providing public access to essential legal and historical documents that tell the complete history of the United States and its people; and

WHEREAS, NARA has over 40 facilities across the country, including the headquarters in Washington, D.C., 16 Presidential Libraries, and regional archives and records centers; and

WHEREAS, NARA's regional archives program was created to ensure that records created by Federal agencies across the country remained in the general region in which they were created, ensuring that the public has access to Federal records created in their regions; and

WHEREAS, NARA's National Archives at San Francisco, located in the Leo J. Ryan Memorial Federal Building at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California, holds more than 75,000 cubic feet of invaluable historical records dating back to the 1850s and serves as the repository for Northern and Central California, Nevada, Hawaii, United States Navy bases on foreign territory in the Pacific and Far East, American Samoa, Guam, and the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, The National Archives at San Francisco is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of records detailing the Asian American experience, including hundreds of thousands of investigative case files from the Chinese Exclusion Act, World War

II incarceration of Japanese and Japanese Americans, and arrival records from the Angel Island Immigration Station; and

WHEREAS, The National Archives at San Francisco contains priceless primary sources, including personal family photographs, letters written from home villages, marriage certificates, and the original case files of landmark civil rights victories, including *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*, a 1898 Supreme Court decision that established birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment, which was reaffirmed by a Supreme Court ruling in June 2026; and

WHEREAS, The National Archives at San Francisco's resources and public programs are indispensable lifelines for historians, researchers, students, and archival scientists, as well as individuals tracing their ancestry and attempting to correct historical narratives; and

WHEREAS, Nationally acclaimed history and education institutions like the Chinese Historical Society of America and National Japanese American Historical Society rely on the National Archives at San Francisco to ensure that stories of local communities continue to be told and that the history of the United States remains whole; and

WHEREAS, In June 2026, the National Archives and Records Administration announced plans to close the National Archives at San Francisco within three years and relocate all records and artifacts to other NARA facilities, including those that do not offer the same level of direct, public access; and

WHEREAS, Removing records from the West Coast and dispersing them to distant, unspecified federal facilities creates an insurmountable geographic barrier for local communities, essentially erasing accessible public evidence of our local communities and their history in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the National Archives Records Administration to immediately halt any plans to close the

National Archives at San Francisco and relocate records and artifacts to other federal facilities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco calls upon the United States Congress to intervene, exercise oversight, and provide the necessary federal funding to maintain, modernize, and preserve all existing NARA facilities to maintain local public access in their respective regions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and Country of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this Resolution upon passage to San Francisco's congressional delegation.