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[Kenny Lau Day - August 28, 2025]

Resolution commending Kenny Lau for his outstanding contributions to traditional Chinese medicine, cultural heritage, education, and public service; and declaring August 28, 2025, as Kenny Lau Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Kenny Lau is a renowned leader in the field of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), a devoted educator, and a tireless advocate for cultural preservation and community well-being in the Bay Area, whose work has spanned more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lau descends from a distinguished lineage of herbal medicine practitioners, representing three generations in the field; he earned his degree from Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine and has since dedicated his life to the practice, research, and promotion of TCM both in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of Ellision Enterprises Corporation for over 30 years, Mr. Lau has been a driving force in the herbal medicine industry; his leadership includes serving nine consecutive terms as President of both the Chinese Herb Trade Association of Northern California and the American Chinese Herb Trade Association since 2007, helping shape policy, quality standards, and industry growth; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lau has played a pivotal role in advancing TCM on a global stage, holding esteemed positions such as Executive Board Member of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies, Vice Chair of its Chinese Medicine Identification Specialized Committee, and Chairman of the American Research Institute of Chinese Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lau is the Principal of the United States (U.S.) campus of Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine, and has worked tirelessly to mentor future generations of

TCM practitioners and scholars through academic exchanges, institutional partnerships, and leadership in professional training; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lau has organized and chaired numerous major international conferences, including the 2010 World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies U.S. Academic Symposium, the 2014 and 2017 San Francisco International TCM Conferences, the 2018 World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies Conference, and multiple Northern California Traditional Chinese Medical Science Festivals, helping bring global attention to San Francisco as a center for TCM excellence; and

WHEREAS, In September 2022, Mr. Lau founded the nation's first Traditional Chinese Herbal Medicine Exhibition Hall in San Francisco—an important public educational resource that showcases the depth, diversity, and philosophy of TCM, and serves to foster greater understanding of Chinese heritage and healing practices; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Mr. Lau's decades of advocacy and leadership in raising awareness of traditional Chinese medicine, the California State Assembly proclaimed March 18, 2024, as "California Chinese Medicine Day," a milestone adopted by nine Bay Area cities, including San Francisco, affirming the crucial role of TCM in today's healthcare landscape and its cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Beyond medicine, Mr. Lau has played a critical role in cultural preservation and community building as a founder of the U.S.–Sino Culture Experience Consortium and the Chinatown History & Culture Association, both of which are civic initiatives in San Francisco Chinatown that promote intercultural dialogue and preserve Chinese-American heritage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lau's other contributions within the civic and business community include serving on the Board of Directors of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, being a board consultant for the Chinatown Merchants United Association of San

Francisco and Chairman of the Chinese Literature of the Americas Journal, which highlights cultural, educational, and health-related initiatives within the Chinese-American community; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lau's exceptional service and leadership have earned him numerous awards, including the American Chinese Outstanding Achievement Award (two consecutive years), the Fifth National Outstanding Business Leader Contribution Award in China, the American Chinese Medicine Education Distinguished Contribution Award, and the Distinguished Overseas Chinese Award; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lau's enduring contributions have helped shape San Francisco's identity as a leader in integrative medicine, cultural education, and community health, while elevating traditional Chinese medicine as a respected pillar of global healthcare and heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends Kenny Lau for his exceptional service, leadership, and lifelong dedication to the advancement of traditional Chinese medicine, preservation of cultural heritage, promotion of education, and strengthening of civic life in San Francisco and beyond; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes Mr. Lau's pivotal role in establishing San Francisco as an international hub for traditional Chinese medicine, and as a vibrant center of cross-cultural understanding, academic exchange, and heritage preservation; his efforts have had a lasting impact not only in the field of health and wellness but also in nurturing future generations, supporting small businesses, and fostering the cultural richness of the Chinese American community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in recognition of Kenny Lau's decades of unwavering commitment and visionary leadership, the Board of Supervisors declares August 28, 2025, as Kenny Lau Day in the City and County of San Francisco.



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Resolution

250756 Date Passed: July 22, 2025 File Number: Resolution commending Kenny Lau for his outstanding contributions to traditional Chinese medicine, cultural heritage, education, and public service; and declaring August 28, 2025, as Kenny Lau Day in the City and County of San Francisco. July 22, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton File No. 250756 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/22/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. Clerk of the Board 8/1/2025 Unsigned **Daniel Lurie Date Approved** Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Date Clerk of the Board