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“Day of Inclusion” Law Passes CA Legislature

Day of Inclusion Legislation Adopted

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 76, authored by Assemblymember (Bro.) Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park), passed the State Senate on September 10 by a vote 40-0. ACR 76, community sponsored by Yee Fow Museum, specifically designates December 17th (Dec. 17, p. 2) annually as “Day of Inclusion” in California.

Then Grand President Kwok had assisted the cause by participating in the Southern California kickoff press conference early in the Spring. “Although the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act marks a significant turning point in American Society, some minorities still struggle for fairness and equality,” Assemblymember Eng said. “The recognition of the ‘Magnuson Act’ represents a timely and excellent opportunity for our nation to rededicate itself to the suppression of intolerance and discrimination against immigrants and minority groups.”

The date, December 17, was chosen as a way to memorialize the historic Magnuson Act, signed into law on December 17, 1943, repealing the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. It marked a turning point regarding American society’s harsh attitudes towards immigration and immigrants. By repealing Chinese Exclusion prohibitions, the United States expressed its commitment to continue to break down cultural barriers, appreciate differences, enrich cultural diversity, and further racial, religious, and cultural diversity. (49th Dist. Release.)