RESOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE AMERICANS
URGING FOR THE EQUAL TREATMENT OF FILIPINO VETERANS OF WWII

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WHEREAS the Filipino World War II veterans are the only group of alien veterans out of a total of 66 countries denied their benefits; and

WHEREAS at the time of war, the Philippines was a United States territory and thus the Filipino veterans were in fact United States nationals entitled to the protections of the Constitution and laws, swearing allegiance to the United States Flag and also served in the United States Armed Forces of the Far East (USAFFE) under the command of General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS history depicts that with the help of the Philippine Scouts fighting in the Pacific, the American troops were able to better prepare for the final battle defeating the Japanese, thus demonstrating that the Filipinos' help greatly aided the American efforts during WWII; and

WHEREAS the 1946 Rescission Act denied and continues to deny the Filipino Veterans of WWII the right to claim benefits promised to them; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Organization of Chinese Americans urges full support of the veterans' struggle for just benefits due from fighting for and under the United States Armed Forces; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Organization of Chinese Americans urges all Americans to defend and support the cause of the Filipino World War II Veterans, and especially all communities which have historically felt the pains inflicted upon them from institutional racism; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Organization of Chinese Americans advocates for legislation rectifying the Rescission Act of 1946 and restoring the veterans' benefits.