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## **CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY'S CHERISH CHINATOWN RESTAURANT CHALLENGE**

**WHEREAS:** This year, from November 13 to December 18, Tufts University is organizing the 4th Annual Cherish Chinatown Restaurant Challenge to support small businesses and restaurants in Boston's Chinatown; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The challenge encourages Tufts University students, faculty, and staff to order from a locally owned Chinatown restaurant or bakery during the month, whether it is dine-in, take-out or delivery; *and*

**WHEREAS:** The Cherish Chinatown Restaurant Challenge began in the Spring of 2021 when Boston's Chinatown was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and by anti-Asian sentiment. At the time, Chinatown businesses saw their sales drop weeks before the mandate to close non-essential businesses and requirements for physical distancing due to fear and misinformation; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Students at the Dental and Medical faculties, with the support of Tufts university, started this initiative to help students and employees learn about the history and cultural importance of Boston's Chinatown and to create opportunities to engage with and support residents, small businesses, and non-profit organizations; *and*

**WHEREAS:** During the 2023 Cherish Chinatown Challenge, the Tufts community logged 500 purchases at 84 different restaurants and cafes in support of small businesses in Chinatown; *and*

**WHEREAS:** It is critical that we continue to support our local Chinatown businesses, and ensure our immigrant-owned restaurants are able to continue to survive and thrive. Whether it's encouraging people to shop in Chinatown, getting more language access resources for new immigrants, or speaking out on racism and discrimination that our AAPI residents face, it is important that we continue to commit to helping our local communities and neighborhoods succeed; *and*

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Boston City Council recognizes Tufts University's Cherish Chinatown Restaurant Challenge and encourages those in the Tufts community to participate in support of our local small businesses in Boston Chinatown.

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