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Chinese American Citizens Alliance Celebrates Nation's 242nd Birthday

San Francisco, July 4, 2018 — Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) joins the nation in the celebration of its 242nd birthday and more than two centuries of independence on July 4.

It was on this date in 1776 when the Second Continental Congress adopted the now immortal statement penned by Thomas Jefferson, which announced that the thirteen American colonies then at war with Great Britain would regard themselves as thirteen independent sovereign states no longer under British rule. The Declaration signified the collective first step toward forming the United States of America.

“The Constitution is the instrument of our government but it was the Declaration of Independence that signified the spirit of who we are and what our country represents,” says National President Davace Chin. “That concept is enshrined in the second sentence of the document: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.’ Let us be mindful always but especially today as we celebrate in all manner and forms throughout the country.”

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lobges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.