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C.A.C.A. Asks Nation's Leaders to Look at the Words and Deeds of Martin Luther King, Jr. to Help End Federal Government Shutdown

San Francisco, January 21, 2019 — Today, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) remembers Martin Luther King, Jr. on the federal holiday established in 1986 to celebrate the birthday of the famed social rights activist, civil rights leader and Baptist minister. Born on January 15, 1929, Dr. King would have been 90 years old.

C.A.C.A. National Lodge asks President Donald Trump and the 116th Congress to look to the wisdom of Dr. King and his success in civic leadership in order to end the Federal Government Shutdown that began December 22, 2018, and has continued for more than 30 days. The longest shutdown in American history is burdening American workers and their families.

A powerful orator who used his voice to advance the cause of justice and equality, Dr. King adopted the tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience inspired by Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. King sought to win friendships and foster understanding with opposing sides through forgiveness and reconciliation. “There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies,” he said.

In *Stride Toward Freedom*, Dr. King's written account of the 1955-1956 Montgomery, Alabama, Bus Boycott, he outlined his Six Principles of Nonviolence, including how peaceful strategies are aimed at defeating injustice and *not* people, and how they can inspire tremendous educational and transforming possibilities.

”Martin Luther King, Jr. led a great movement to resolve the nation's long, agonizing struggle with racial equality and tolerance,” says C.A.C.A. National President Davace Chin. “Today, we asked our elected representatives in the White House and in Congress to look to Dr. King's words and deeds as a model for healing division and arriving at agreement.”

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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/lodges 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.