

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution recognizing **Asian American**)
and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.....)

WHEREAS, The month of May was chosen as **Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month** to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions to the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars, coorganizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, antimiscegenation laws, and Japanese internment; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, California is home to over 5.8 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans constitute 16 percent of California's population and represent diverse ancestries that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai, Tongan, and other Pacific Islander; and

WHEREAS, Over 25,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders live in the County of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally, and own 15 percent of businesses in California; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating **Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; and

WHEREAS, We value our diversity and the dedication and hard work of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and,

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a celebration of diversity and a time to embrace the unique value that can be found in all of us; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** provides Californians with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2018, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy