

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Recognizing Every May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Monterey County

WHEREAS, May was chosen as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islanders' contributions to our dynamic and pluralistic American society; and

WHEREAS, May is significant to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community because it commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders 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, co-organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders 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, anti-miscegenation laws, and the Japanese American internment; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine, sports, and entertainment, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, California is home to over 6,300,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, more than any other state, and Asian American and Pacific Islanders are one of the fastest-growing ethnic populations in the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders 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 26,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders live in the County of Monterey; and

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

WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides the residents of Monterey County with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; and

WHEREAS, We value the diversity, dynamism, and the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to Monterey County; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, declare every May as **Asian American and Pacific**

Islander Heritage Month in Monterey County, which provides our residents with an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements, contributions, cultures, and rich history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our County and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 _____, 2021.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____

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Deputy